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REPORTER

The U.S. District Court for the NMI dismissed yesterday all charges filed by former Northern Marianas College president Carmen Fernandez against the college and four members of the Board of Regents in connection with the termination of her employment last year. **See FERNANDEZ on Page 4**

**Fitial to CBP:
Be nice
to visitors**

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial asked yesterday a top official of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to ensure the highest level of professionalism in the CNMI, in the wake of complaints of "delayed processing times" and "demeaning attitudes" of CBP officials at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

Fitial wrote yesterday to CBP deputy commissioner David V. Aguilar, whom he met during a trip to Washington, D.C. in February.

"When we last met, I was comforted by your determination to ensure that the highest level of professionalism at all U.S. CBP areas of operation is maintained and upheld. However, I am deeply saddened to learn that your standards and the standards of U.S. CBP officials currently assigned to the CNMI continue to be of two totally different worlds," Fitial told Aguilar.

The governor said the CNMI is already severely economically challenged by rising fuel prices, declining revenues, and most recently, the tragic disasters in nearby Japan.

"We cannot afford to continue driving away potential revenue because of reckless issues that could have easily been avoided," Fitial said.

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Fernandez

Govt fails to remit to Fund \$5.7M for 12 pay periods

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The CNMI government has failed to remit its employer contribution to the NMI Retirement Fund since October 2010, the start of the 2011 fiscal year.

According to Fund comptrol-

ler David Demapan, past due employer contributions in the last seven months now total \$5.7 million, representing 13 pay periods.

This unpaid obligation is on top of the court judgment issued in June 2009, which found that See GOVT on Page 4

NINTH CIRCUIT REVERSES FEDERAL COURT RULING

'For immigration purposes, NMI is part of US'

3 aliens who tried to enter Guam from Saipan by boat did not commit criminal offense

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The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled yesterday that the CNMI is part of the United States for purposes of U.S. immigration law, reversing the criminal conviction of three Chi-

nese nationals who tried to enter Guam from the CNMI by boat.

The Ninth Circuit disagreed with the U.S. District Court's opinion that the CNMI is not yet fully a part of the U.S. for immigration purposes because of the federalization transition period exceptions.

The Ninth Circuit in the same opinion reversed the conviction of Shi Guang Li, Yong Jun Li, and Wei Kun Zhong, who were among several Chinese nationals who attempted to travel by boat from Saipan to Guam on Jan. 5, 2010.

The defendants had been

charged with violating 8 USC Section 1325 (a)(1), a law that makes it a criminal offense for an alien to enter or attempt to enter the United States at a place other than designated by immigration officers.

The Ninth Circuit ruled, how-

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IDOL WANNABES

These six young local talents will be competing during the upcoming Northern Marianas College's 30th Annual Charter Day Celebration this Friday, May 6, 2011. Teana Tudela Reyes, John Ronald Darag, Lizelle Salanga, Kassandra Royal, James David, and Leonard Manuel will each be performing as they compete for supremacy and great prizes in the Marianas Idol Competition. The theme for this year's Marianas Idol is "Back to the '80s": All song entries must be from the '80s in commemoration of NMC being chartered in 1981.

Local



COURTESY VISIT

Multi-awarded speaker Bishop Nilo S. Tayag, seated, of the Philippine Independent Catholic Church and his wife, University of the Philippines Manila vice-chancellor for academic affairs Dr. Josefina G. Tayag, make a courtesy call on members of the CNMI Legislature led by Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), third from left, and House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), right, yesterday morning on Capital Hill. The Tayag couple wrapped up last night a series of workshops on Saipan to empower workers, before heading to Guam for the same purpose. The UP Alumni Association and US Pinoys for Good Governance on Saipan led by Dr. Celia Lamkin organized the workshops held at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe.

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Protesters end campaign to remove MHS principal

»Yangetmais to go back but only as substitute teachers

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After four consecutive days of calling for the ouster of Marianas High School principal Craig Garrison, James and Denita Yangetmai finally ended their protest Monday and have decided to go back to their respective classrooms beginning today.

However, the two will be classified as substitute teachers, whose duties either in or out of the classroom will be defined by the principal as needed, Garrison said.

"They're not going back to the classroom; 'returning to the school' would be more appropriate. This means their duties will be defined by the principal as needed," he said.

"They have a contract so they are still classroom teachers. However, they will be in a substitution role. They will be here all day every day, will help the school, will fill in teachers, and will perform other duties as defined by the principal. They

will receive the same salary," he added.

Garrison stressed that this is not a form of retaliation against the Yangetmai couple.

"Retaliation is not our game. It's not something we do here. If I wanted to retaliate, I could fire them...but I don't need to retaliate. James has made his own decision [to stage the protest] and we make our decision based on what is best for our school and our students," said Garrison, adding that the Yangetmai couple were not the only ones classified as substitutes.

James Yangetmai said they were informed yesterday by acting education commissioner Tim Thornburgh about their status once they return to the school. "The message was already conveyed to us by the acting commissioner...that we will be serving the school as substitute teachers throughout the end of the school year."

The Yangetmais began holding the protest since Tuesday last week. Yangetmai's wife,

Denita, was among 20 teachers who were given notices of reassignment to other public schools next school year.

For James Yangetmai, ending the protest—for now—is their best option. He admitted that without Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, it was difficult for them to achieve their goal. Sablan is currently off-island.

Since the protest began last week, Yangetmai said that Sablan never attempted to talk to them or hear what they have to say. This was why they went to the Legislature to lobby for support. "We're still counting on the lawmakers' support and hoping there will be some kind of legislation to be passed that would protect the teachers and public education. I think within the four days of our protest, we were able to clearly convey our message to the community," he said.

Garrison earlier said he didn't fire anyone and what were issued were reassignment papers.



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CUC's fuel cost to reach \$74M by end of fiscal year

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. expects to spend \$74 million on fuel this fiscal year, according to its chief financial officer, Charles Warren.

Just for the first six months of the fiscal year—from Oct. 30, 2010, to March 31, 2011—CUC has already spent a total of \$30.4 million on fuel, he said.

Another \$43.6 million worth of fuel is expected to be procured from April to September, when the fiscal year ends.

"Through March 31, 2011, CUC's fuel expense was \$30.4 million. Based on the [levelized energy adjustment clause] rate filing just completed this month with the [Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission], we have projected a cost of \$43.6 million for April

through September 2011," Warren told *Saipan Tribune*.

Last fiscal year, CUC spent a total of \$54.9 million on fuel alone.

According to Warren, CUC incurred its biggest fuel cost last month, March 2011, paying \$5.4 million for 1,750,210 gallons of fuel. Most of that was for Saipan's consumption, with 1.52 million gallons worth \$4.6 million. Tinian got 169,453 gallons for \$597,714, while Rota paid \$204,214 for 60,591 gallons.

Documents obtained from CUC show that in October 2010, total fuel expense was \$4.482 million for 1.73 million gallons of fuel. In November 2010, CUC spent a total of \$4.5 million for 1.8 million gallons. In December, CUC spent \$4.8 million for 1.83 million gallons. In January 2011, it was \$4.5 million

for 1.62 million gallons; and February, \$4.5 million for 1.52 million gallons.

According to CUC's rate

consultant, economists.com, world prices for diesel fuel increased by 59 percent in the last seven months. In Septem-

ber 2010, it was at \$2.13 a gallon; by April, it was already at \$3.38 per gallon.

CPUC earlier approved a

22-percent increase in CUC's LEAC charges so it could generate funds for fuel through the end of the fiscal year.

FBI agent says human trafficking exists in the CNMI

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A Federal Bureau of Investigation agent underscored the importance of law enforcers in the CNMI to undergo training on human trafficking since it exists on the islands. In order to investigate these human trafficking cases, there is a need to provide training to local law enforcement officers, said FBI special agent Mary Goff.

"And we are here to work together to be able to investigate the cases," said Goff, refer-

ring to the weeklong Human Trafficking Regional Training Conference for the CNMI that kicked off Monday at the Saipan World Resort's Taga Hall.

The Human Trafficking Intervention Coalition, which consists of non-government and government (local and federal) agencies, is sponsoring the training using a federal grant.

Human trafficking is a "fairly new" violation that has been around for only a couple of years so it is a new thing in the CNMI, said Goff, a member of the coalition and training committee.

Goff told *Saipan Tribune* on Monday that the goals of the conference is to raise awareness about human trafficking in the community and train law enforcement officers and the victims services providers about collaborating, working together to combat human trafficking in the CNMI.

The conference featured speakers from the FBI, non-government agencies in Washington, D.C., and non-government agencies from all over the community. Goff said a police official from the Westminster

Police Department, Calif., is also here to provide training to law enforcement officers.

"We have a large variety of people that are here today," she added.

The coalition is composed of Department of Public Safety officers, federal Labor Ombudsman personnel, and Guma Esperanza staff members.

The federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 defines human trafficking crimes and prohibits forms of compelled or coerced labor, services, or commercial sex.

Woman in alleged job scam remains in jail

The federal court found probable cause to continue the detention of a woman who was arrested for an alleged fraudulent scheme to invite Chinese nationals to come to Saipan to work at non-existing jobs.

U.S. District Court of the NMI visiting judge John A. Houston determined Monday that there were no conditions he could set in order to guarantee Hequian Ma's court appearance.

Houston ordered Ma's continued detention until trial.

Attorney Michael Evangelista, the court-appointed counsel for Ma, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they had hoped that Ma would be released from detention pending trial, but the judge held otherwise.

"We respect the judge's decision. We appreciate the fact

that the judge at the hearing was very thorough and diligent in his review of the evidence presented, as well as the arguments from both sides," Evangelista said.

Evangelista noted that neither of the two alleged victims in this case were present at the hearing.

He said even the agent-in-charge in this case, when questioned, admitted in court that they couldn't get hold of the alleged victims for the hearing.

"While my client sits in jail, as requested and argued by the government, it seems like these supposed 'tourists' were out gone wild, again," Evangelista said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James Benedetto had opposed Ma's release, believing her to be a flight risk. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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\$300M casino investor is now also behind in public land lease payments

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Marianas Resort Development Co. Ltd., which plans to build a \$300-million casino resort on Tinian, is now also behind by some four months in its land lease payment to the Department of Public Lands, while Neo Gold Wings Paradise has yet to pay a single cent in its arrears of \$117,138.16 including interest as of yesterday.

DPL Secretary Oscar M. Babauta said this during yesterday's meeting with lawmakers who wanted to get an update on the status of major existing and prospective public land leases in the CNMI.

In an interview after the meeting with the lawmakers, Babauta said MRDC has not been paying its monthly lease "since

at least December 2010," but he said they will provide the latest data later this week.

MRDC plans to build a \$300-million Matua Bay Casino Resort on Tinian, which includes an 18-hole championship golf course.

Babauta assured members of the Senate and House of Representatives that DPL has been doing is best to ensure that lessees are aware of their responsibilities to the department.

Lawmakers took turns asking Babauta, DPL legal counsel Brad Huesman, and Rachel Roque of DPL's Real Estate Division on land leases issues related to Neo Gold Wings, MRDC, Suwaso Corp. or Coral Ocean Point whose lease will expire in August 2011, and Flame Sako and the other investors interested in the same area.

Neo Gold Wings, which abandoned its casino resort project on Tinian, recently formally informed DPL that it will pursue its project again and will pay the full amount it owes DPL, along with a one-year advance payment.

However, Neo Gold Wings asked DPL for the reinstatement of the original lease and to waive DPL's new requirement of a \$3 million security deposit.

Babauta told lawmakers yesterday that DPL will not reinstate the original lease but will be willing to negotiate a new lease and is in support of Neo Gold Wings' proposed development which is now at \$1.6 billion, up from the original plan of \$1.2 billion.

"They've never paid a cent to DPL even up to this morning," Babauta told lawmakers.

Dismissed with prejudice means the cases cannot be reopened.

Tydingco-Gatewood dismissed without prejudice—the case can be reopened—all other counts filed against the regents. These include wrongful termination, breach of contract, defamation, and conspiracy to defame the plaintiff.

"The court dismisses counts 1 and 2 with prejudice because qualified immunity bars those counts, and dismisses all other

counts without prejudice because counts predicated on claims within the court's supplemental jurisdiction should be dismissed when, as here, the federal claims are dismissed before trial," the decision states.

The judge also dismissed without prejudice NMC's counterclaims and denied all outstanding motions on the case.

The motion for summary judgment filed by the regents was also granted by the court.

The judge said the individual

Salvation Army to open soup kitchen on Saipan

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The CNMI Salvation Army is set to open a soup kitchen on Saipan this weekend.

The international faith-based organization will launch the facility, called Guma Yo'Ase or House of Mercy, in a ceremony at 9am on Saturday.

"The Guma Yo'Ase will feed anybody who's hungry or in need of food assistance," Salvation Army ministry leader Wayne Gillespie told reporters at the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan Tuesday.

Gillespie said the two-story facility located across Hopwood Junior High School will have the soup kitchen area on the second floor and a rummage sale area on the ground floor where they will sell furniture, appliances, clothing, and other items to support Salvation Army's various programs.

He said ministry members

and volunteers will serve supplemental meals that are "simple and cost-effective" such as soup, sandwiches, and pasta to feed the hungry.

Gillespie said Guma Yo'Ase will also serve as a "homeless drop-in center" where homeless people can come in and eat, take a shower, and do laundry. He noted, however, that it is "not a shelter at this time" where homeless people can spend the night.

He said clients who avail of services will have to sign in so they can account for all the people they feed.

According to Gillespie, the rummage sale area will be open once or twice a month while the soup kitchen itself will feed the hungry on Saturdays from 9am to 3pm—for now.

"Initially, we will be open on Saturdays only but we will adjust our schedule depending on the donations that come in to serve our clients," he said.

Gillespie said the Salvation Army is accepting needed donations like canned meat, canned vegetables, canned soups, peanut butter, and other grocery items to constantly supply the needs of Guma Yo'Ase.

For more information, contact Gillespie at 483-0885, email wayne.gillespie@usw.salvation-army.org or by visiting the CNMI Salvation Army Facebook page.

FERNANDEZ

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In a 26-page decision, district judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood dismissed with prejudice two of the six charges filed against regents Janet King, Andrew Orsini, Maria Paz Younis, and Frank Rabauliman. These charges were deprivation of constitutional rights and conspiracy to deprive the plaintiff of her constitutional rights.

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ever, that since both the CNMI and Guam are parts of the United States, an alien does not "enter" the United States when traveling from one part of the U.S. to another, even if when doing so he or she passed through international waters. Thus, for purposes of 8 USC Section 1325 (a)(1), the defendants did not violate the statute by attempting to travel by boat from the CNMI to Guam.

The Ninth Circuit remanded the cases to the U.S. District

Court for the NMI with instructions that each of the information be dismissed.

The defendants' lawyers—Bruce Berline, Sean Frink, and G. Anthony Long—had sought to dismiss the charges, arguing that an alien traveling from Saipan to Guam at a time or place not designated by immigration officers is not a criminal offense because the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 had made the CNMI part of the United States.

Then U.S. District Court for the NMI chief judge Alex R. Munson had denied the motions, concluding that, as the

defendants were arrested during the CNRA's transition period, the CNMI was not fully a part of the United States yet for immigration purposes.

Ninth Circuit Judge A. Wallace Tashima issued the opinion that reversed the federal court's ruling. Judges William A. Fletcher and Marsha S. Berzon concurred with Tashima's opinion.

Tashima said that, although the CNRA does provide for some exceptions to U.S. immigration law that apply to the CNMI during the transition period, both the Immigration and Nationality Act and the CNRA

demonstrate that the CNMI is a part of the U.S. for purposes of Section 1325 (a)(1).

Tashima said INA defines "United States" when used in a geographical sense as "the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the CNMI."

The judge said the CNRA does not indicate that the CNMI is outside the United States for immigration purposes.

The CNRA's plain text, Tashima said, commands that the exceptions to the principle that the immigration laws of

the United States apply to the CNMI be restricted to those explicitly set forth in the statute, none of which refers to Section 1325(a)(1).

Tashima said it remains the case that an alien traveling from one part of the U.S. to another does not "enter the U.S." at the end of the voyage simply by having traveled through international waters in the course of that trip.

Long pointed out, though, that the 9th Circuit's ruling is limited only to a charge under Section 1325.

"This means that the United States can still claim that inappro-

priate travel by an alien between the [CNMI] and Guam and any other part of the United States may violate other federal criminal statutes," he said. "It should also be noted that the 9th Circuit acknowledged that an alien in the CNMI who engages in such inappropriate travel remains subject to the non-criminal sanction of deportation or removal back to his or her home country."

Yong Jun Li and Wei Kun Zhong entered conditional pleas of guilty, reserving their right to appeal. Shu Guang Li was convicted after a bench trial. Each defendant was sentenced to one year of probation.

"The 15-percent deviation from the revenue estimates is mainly contributed by the CNMI government's unremitted employer contributions. On the other hand, we continue to control and monitor the operating expenditures," he added.

Fund officials earlier warned that without new money coming in, the pension program may soon collapse.

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the central government owes the Fund over \$230 million in unpaid employer contributions.

Demapan reported to the board of trustees that from Sept. 25, 2010 through March 12, 2011 only one remittance was made by the central govern-

ment—the Jan. 1 pay period—covering mostly government employees that are federally funded.

"Through pay period ending Sept. 25, 2010 through pay period March 12 except pay period on Jan. 1, 2011—or for 12 pay period endings—the CNMI government has not been remitting to the NMIRF its employer contributions. Accordingly,

total unremitted employer contribution is \$5.7 million as of April 8, 2011," reported Demapan yesterday.

Demapan disclosed that the balance of this receivable is \$242.6 million as of Feb. 28, 2011. The amount reflects a \$3.5-million increase from the \$239.1-million level at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Fund officials and the central

government have been negotiating a payment plan for this obligation since last year. Among these is the mandate to pay a 30-percent employer contribution rate and the remittance of necessary taxes to the Fund.

However, Fund officials had disclosed that, although the central government has acknowledged the 30-percent actuarial rate set by the court, it has yet to

make any remittance at that level.

A pension obligation bond initiative was also introduced last year but this failed to get the support of voters. The measure was intended to authorize the government to float up to \$200 million pension bond to pay the Fund.

Demapan also told the board yesterday that the Fund's actual revenue is behind 15 percent from previous estimates.

treatment of visitors is one that is paramount to a Commonwealth heavily reliant on the success of its visitor industry," he added.

Other CNMI senators, along with Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, have also voiced their concerns about CBP officers in the CNMI.

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and its component agencies like CBP took over the control of CNMI borders on Nov. 28, 2009, pursuant to U.S. Public Law 110-229 signed in May 2008.

The governor said he's reiterating "what continues to be a longstanding unaddressed dilemma" at the Saipan airport.

"Unfortunately, it has again been brought to my attention that the issues of delayed processing times and demeaning attitudes of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials continue to exist despite our constant requests to

rectify the problem," Fitial told Aguilar in his two-page letter.

Fitial was referring to a recent incident that Senate Vice President Jude Hofsneider (R-Tinian) brought up to his and other officials' attention.

Hofsneider wrote an April 27 letter to CBP commissioner Alan Bersin and CBP assistant commissioner Thomas S.

Winkowski, asking for an official investigation into CBP officers' alleged "callous treatment" of airline crew and passengers arriving at the Saipan airport not only on April 16 but also on previous dates.

CBP has yet to comment on Hofsneider's letter.

"As of today, I haven't received a response from

them," Hofsneider told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview yesterday.

He reiterated that making passengers wait for some 15 minutes for CBP officers to "warm up their computers"—in addition to the 10 to 15 minutes processing of each passenger—is not acceptable.

"As you already know, the

This time around, 2 firms respond to La Fiesta RFP

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Two firms responded to a request for proposals on the redevelopment of the La Fiesta Mall in San Roque at the close of submissions on Friday, an improvement from the one bid received when an initial RFP was issued in 2009.

The government could not disclose the identities of the two bidders at this time.

DUE TO GUAM MILITARY BUILDUP

'NMI will also feel human trafficking impact'

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In light of the anticipated population increase in Guam associated with the military buildup, the U.S. territory expects to see an increase in criminal activity, including human trafficking, but there are also concerns that the CNMI will feel the same impact, according to U.S. Attorney Alicia A.G. Limtiaco.

Along with the military, there will be an influx of civilians and immigrant workers, some of whom with backgrounds unknown to authorities, said Limtiaco.

"Concerns about an increase in criminal activity including human trafficking and other offenses, are present," acknowledged Limtiaco at the start of the weeklong "Human Trafficking Regional Training Conference" at the Saipan World Resort's Taga Hall Monday.

Limtiaco, who has jurisdiction over the Districts of Guam and the CNMI, said that concerns have also been raised about the population increase's impact on the CNMI.

She said issues such as wage and hour and other labor-related matters and immigration are also

Even Bridge Capital LLC, which earlier told the media that they will respond to the new RFP, declined to comment on the issue yesterday.

Bridge Capital was the only entity that responded to the first RFP in 2009 but the long negotiation bogged down a few months ago. The government issued a new RFP in March.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment

yesterday, said Finance's Division of Procurement and Supply is now reviewing and processing the proposals that have been submitted.

Demapan said this process can take up to 30 days to allow for a thorough review and analysis.

"It's still in the preliminary stage of review within the Department of Finance. As the process moves forward, the administration is expected to review the pro-

posals further," he said.

The press secretary said the number of responses received on the RFP is not a gauge of improvement from the first round of bidding.

"Rather, the scope that is contained in the proposals would be the biggest factor. As you know, the administration decided to issue the RFP anew seeking to expand the scope to include increased utilization of the other

day slavery, including forced prostitution, forced labor and bonded labor, Limtiaco said.

According to the State Department, she said, the percentage rises in Asia and the Pacific to three

facilities on the property," he said.

Besides retail stores and other tourism-related activities, the La Fiesta Mall revitalization project requires the construction of a gaming area for at least 200 video lottery terminals as stated in the project's scope of work.

Finance had said that net gambling funds from the video lottery operations will be used solely for the payment of obligations to the NMI Retirement Fund.

Initial estimates are that La Fiesta Mall renovations will cost \$5 million.

The CNMI has a leasehold interest in the La Fiesta Mall, which has been empty for several years and suffered serious deterioration due to vandalism and neglect.

The government has been paying some \$200,000 annually for the lease of the property, yet it has not earned a single cent from it since 2004. Rather than let the facility deteriorate further, the government wants to revitalize it, and this was the reason why the government sought proposals from interested parties.

The weeklong conference will also address other issues of abuse—physical, sexual, emotional, mental, and or verbal—of the most vulnerable populations, including children and youth.

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Country House raises \$6K from G GAP benefit concert



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

G GAP, a popular country music group in Japan, rocks their audience during a benefit concert at Country House Restaurant in Garapan last April 15 and 16.

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Country House Restaurant, which hosted the popular Japanese country music group G GAP last month, was able to raise \$6,020 from its benefit show to help relief efforts in Japan.

G GAP, which also plays English '80s and '90s rock music, was formed in 2000 and first performed live for the silver anniversary of Country House in Tokyo, which is a different establishment from the restaurant on Saipan.

The band is composed of Ryuji Hirao, guitar and vocals; Naomi Amemiya, electronic guitar and vocals; Yuichiro Nagasaka, bass and vocals; Keigo Nakajima, drums and vocals; and Yasuharu Muranaka, pedal steel guitar.

G GAP's Kick Off Night show, which was held on April 15, was free of charge and guests enjoyed a 50 percent discount on all drinks as part of the restaurant's "Late Happy Hour."

The dinner and cocktail shows as well as raffle drawing were held the following night. Tickets for the dinner show was priced \$55 each while the cocktail show was at \$35 each.

General administrator Kay Irinaka said the tickets for the dinner and cocktail shows were sold out.

"Being a small business on a very small island, the turnout for the show was more than we expected," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Irinaka said there were even guests who asked for more seats to watch the show and were not accommodated.

"We reached the target we have set to help those who are suffering because of the disasters in Japan," she said.

According to Irinaka, G GAP was very pleased to be able to perform on Saipan and help relief efforts in their home country at the same time.

"They were very happy to be here to perform and let their music unite the people's hearts and minds to become one for

Japan," she added.

Irinaka disclosed that the amount raised was personally delivered by Country House Restaurant president Masanobu Sago to Sendai, the capital city of Miyagi Prefecture, which was heavily damaged by the earthquake and tsunami catastrophe on March 11.

She said Sago flew to Sendai in the last week of April to present the donation to the corporate office of Chunichi newspaper company.

"We hope that the donation will be used to help the reconstruction and development of all the cities and people affected by the devastation. We're very happy to help," said Irinaka.

She also thanked all the event sponsors, particularly major co-sponsors Triple J, Delta Air Lines, and Pacific Trading. "Without their help, we couldn't possibly do the shows."

Irinaka added that they are already planning to host another G GAP show sometime in November.

Bill on \$19,124 proposed funding for CNMI museum heads to Fitital

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

A bill appropriating \$19,124 to preserve artifacts and fund the operations of the Commonwealth Museum now heads to Gov. Benigno R. Fitital for action.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said he's hoping the governor will sign his bill into law, citing the importance of the museum in the CNMI's preservation of historic artifacts and tourism.

House Bill 17-67, House Draft 1 passed the Senate by a vote of 9-0 on Friday without

amendment.

"The Museum needs more than that amount but it's the only amount in the Saipan Trust Fund that is available," Tebuteb told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Commonwealth Museum's collections of artifacts linked to the ancestors of the Chamorro and Carolinian people are at risk because of the damage caused by flooding from water runoffs during the monsoon season in the CNMI, Tebuteb said in his bill.

Due to lack of funding, the museum vacated its rental stor-

age facility "and is in need of materials to secure the multitude of historic artifacts, until such time as a permanent facility is constructed."

Tebuteb's bill said there is a significant collection of Tinian artifacts originally from Tinian that are subject to a consent decree governing their care. They are also subject to an annual care and condition assessment, as well as other historic collections whose care is governed by contractual requirements, and memorandum of agreement.

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PSS: 7 principals, 3 vice principals, 8 counselors are non-certified

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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On top of more than 150 classroom teachers, the Public School System may also lose 18 more employees in key positions next school year if they fail to meet the requirements for "highly qualified" status.

Last Friday, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan issued 90-day notices to seven school principals, informing them of their impending termination.

PSS records show that there are 20 school principals on three islands. Seven were issued termination notices last week, mainly for not having a master's degree, which is among the requirements for the principal position.

Of the seven, five are at the elementary level, one is in middle school, and one is temporarily assigned to another position.

Among vice principals, *Saipan Tribune* learned that there are still

three who have yet to meet the requirements. Two of them are with elementary schools while one is at a middle school.

The U.S. Department of Education has given all school districts only until July 31 this year to make sure that all public school personnel are deemed "highly qualified." The CNMI Board of Education has set three requirements to meet the "highly qualified personnel" mandate of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001: a degree, valid certificates, and passing the Praxis exams.

For school principals and vice principals, the requirements include having long years of teaching experience.

School administrators, to become fully certified, must have a degree or higher, pass the Praxis tests, and complete all courses to get an administrator's certification, which is composed of seven different certificates.

Majority of these courses are offered online; other sessions are offered by PSS by bringing in experts from the U.S.

Among school counselors, eight have been issued 90-day notices. PSS has a total of 21 counselors.

Step down

Acting education commissioner Tim Thornburgh confirmed Monday the issuance of termination notices but pointed out that all affected employees will be able to keep their jobs once they complete all the requirements before the July 31 deadline.

"We still have a really good chance that they all could [meet the requirements]—and we want them all to meet the deadline," said Thornburgh.

School principals, vice principals, and counselors who fail to meet the requirements will have to step down from their posts

and go back to their old positions where they are fully certified, Thornburgh said. That also means getting a lesser salary.

Public school principals are paid a salary ranging from \$45,000 to \$60,000 per annum depending on their credentials and years of experience. Vice principals get \$45,000 to \$50,000, while school counselors and classroom teachers get \$28,000 to \$47,000.

In case affected personnel fail to meet the July 31 deadline, a manpower shortfall will be in the offing.

"Theoretically, there would be a salary impact and [teacher] shortage is always a possibility, but we're hopeful that most of these teachers will pass the Praxis and other requirements," Thornburgh said.

Majority of the non-HQTs took the Praxis examination just last Saturday.

Sablan statement on death of bin Laden

WASHINGTON, D.C.—CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan issued the following statement following the announcement by President Obama that U.S. forces had ended the life of terrorist leader Osama bin Laden:

"Today we all breathe a sigh of relief knowing that one of America's greatest avowed enemies is dead. The suffering that he caused to the families of those killed in the 9/11 attack will never end. But at least now they can feel that justice is done."

"The 9/11 attacks have caused suffering for our nation as whole. In the Northern Mariana Islands we have lost 14 of our fine young men and women in the wars that followed 9/11. Even those who returned alive will bear the scars forever. One of our young men was wounded five times in Iraq and

Afghanistan, yet kept returning to the fight."

"The families of the soldiers we sent to those wars have, also, paid the price. They have had to live with fear for their loved ones and with the uncertainty and insecurity of trying to manage without a father or mother in the home."

"And the financial cost to our country has left us deeply in debt and forced to ask whether we can afford to provide health care for our elderly and a proper education for the young."

"We must always be vigilant against the terrorist threat to our homeland. But the death of Osama bin Laden renews our hope that we can wind down our combat overseas—as the President has promised to do. Now Americans can refocus our lives and resources on the positive work of investing in our nation and keeping this country great." (PR)

'CNMI ideal for wind, solar energy production'

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Data on the average wind speed and solar radiation tables in the CNMI show that the islands are an ideal setting to generate alternative renewable energy.

"We are actually one of the best places in the world for alternative renewable solar PV [photovoltaic] and wind energy," said James Thomas, co-founder of Pacific Wind & Solar, at the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday.

Thomas disclosed that the average wind speed in the CNMI is roughly 40 to 60 mph, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Average solar radiation tables, meanwhile, is about 6.3 to 6.5 hours per day, based on the statistics of National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"Those two numbers put us in the top two slots anywhere in the world for wind and solar both in the same location," he said.

Thomas, who is also the company's chief technical officer and engineer, said that a lot of places in the world have either a good solar resource or a good wind resource but not both.

"That's very, very unusual for most places on our planet," he said.

This finding is based on the data log from the pilot small wind turbine and solar panels installed at Saipan Southern



Pacific Wind & Solar co-founder, chief technical officer, and chief engineer James Thomas talks about the CNMI as one of the best locations for alternative renewable energy during Rotary Club of Saipan meeting yesterday at Hyatt Regency Saipan.

High School about two years ago and sent to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Colorado and U.S. Department of Energy in Washington.

"This is how we know that the CNMI, Guam, and most of Micronesia in general is in an area that's in the top 80th percentile for wind and solar production," said Thomas. "That's very unusual to have that in one place at the same time."

According to Thomas, the cost of solar panels and wind turbines is expensive and can be viewed as an "investment" amid the rising cost of fuel prices, which directly affect utility bills.

"Think of it as finding your electricity at a fixed rate today for x cents of kilowatt hour. But it's

never going to go up because it's not affected by shipping costs, logistics, taxes, oil," he explained.

Thomas said the use of these alternative energy sources is like "purchasing [electricity] in advance at a fixed rate."

He said that solar panels will give over 20 years of reliable return on investment while the wind turbines give at least a 10-year reliable return.

Thomas noted that the threat posed by typhoons that can potentially hit the islands is addressed through heavy duty engineering designs for these renewable energy sources.

At present, Thomas said Pacific Wind & Solar has a number of ongoing projects, including the installation of six Jacobs

20.0 kW turbines and 160 Schott 280 W PV panels at SSHS which is funded by ARRA grant and will be completed between July and August.

Other projects are the installation of a 60 kW of solar panel power generation at the American Memorial Park; and the installation of a 3kW solar panels and a Skystream 3.7 wind turbine at the Division of Energy in Capitol Hill.

Future projects, Thomas said, include proposed solar and wind area lighting at other CNMI Public School System campuses.

"Due to the field data and actual data logs, it's...actually financially viable to do it. It's now proven and there's really no questions to it," he added.

Written testimonies may also be submitted before May 12. To submit written testimo-

nies, drop off or fax to the Office of Representative Joseph M. Palacios (664-8831) or may be emailed at P.O. Box 500586 Saipan, MP 96950. Written testimonies can also be emailed to rep.palaciosj@cnmleg.gov.mp. (PR)

House sets public forums on Marpi power installation

The House of Representatives has scheduled public forums on the controversial installation of power poles in Marpi.

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources has scheduled the first of two public forums on May 12, 6pm

in the House Chamber in Capital Hill.

The second public forum, meanwhile, is set on May 18, 6pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

The House is inviting persons

who own property north of the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool as well as those who have any other interests in the Marpi area to attend the public forums.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANKPACIFIC, LTD.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-0246
Plaintiff,	NOTICE OF SALE
vs.	
TRACY LYNN	
SONGSONG	
TAIMANAO	
n/k/a TRACY	
TAIMANAO INOKE,	
Defendant.	

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

HUIMAO YU	FCD-DI
Petitioner,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0093
vs.	SUMMONS
KELLY LICKISAP	FOR PUBLICATION
Respondent,	

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 502592 Saipan MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2011.

/s/ Clerk of Court

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CITY TRUST BANK, Plaintiff, -v. JOSEPH ALDAN ARRIOLA, Defendant.

FIFTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 31, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 034 L 129, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 257 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described in the Subdivision of Lot 034 L 63, on DLS Check No. 034 L 21 recorded in the Commonwealth Recorder's Office as File No. 97-1299; and Lot 034 L 130, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 257 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described in the Subdivision of Lot 034 L 63, on DLS Check No. 34 L 21, recorded in the Commonwealth Recorder's Office as File No. 97-1299.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, May 13, 2011, at the hour of 1:30 pm, at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 12th day of April, 2011.

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

THE FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP, INC., Plaintiff, -v. RAMON P. AGULTO and DALIA R. AGULTO, Defendants.

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 16, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot 001 G 32, situated in Kagman, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 02, the original of which was recorded March 20, 1986, as Document No. 86-0513, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, and also recorded on February 16, 1989, as Document No. 89-511, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, the description therein being incorporated herein by this reference.

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DATED: Saipan, MP, April 18, 2011.

/s/ Vincent J. Seman
VINCENT J. SEMAN, F0361
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 4, 1999

HANMI lauds CPA for incentives

The Hotel Association of Northern Mariana Islands yesterday commended the Commonwealth Ports Authority for helping revive the island's ailing tourism economy by providing incentives to airlines. Ron Sablan, president of HANMI, expressed hope that this will encourage airlines to expand service in the CNMI to help boost traffic and increase hotel occupancy. The CPA board approved a 50 percent cut in departure and arrival fees effective May 1, 1999 until February 29, 2000 to airlines that can provide an additional 15 percent increase in the average number of passengers that they bring in to the CNMI.

NMC to end the year in black

After years of financial shortfall, the Northern Marianas College is expecting to end the fiscal year within budget. In a report prepared by the board's Fiscal Committee, chairman Ramon Villagomez said the latest numbers indicate a surplus in money from the appropriated budget to pay the teachers' salaries. "It looks like we are in the black all the way to the fiscal year," he said during the recent Board of Regents meeting. However, NMC president Agnes McPhetres reminded the board that the "potential" surplus did not take into account retirement and accrued credit leave payment for people who are leaving this fiscal year.

May 4, 2000

Lawmakers eye compromise on spending plan

Meeting on Tinian today, members of the House-Senate joint committee on budget are expected to hammer out a compromise on a spending package for the current fiscal year with a proposal to cut appropriations from some government agencies. Sen. Edward U. Maratita, chair of the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, said the upper house will insist on giving Rota and Tinian delegation a budget at par with the amount approved by the Legislature in FY 1999. Each of the island municipalities was given allotment of over \$15 million last year, but the amount dropped to \$13 million due to the 13.4 percent cut imposed by the Tenorio administration in late 1998.

CRM may give go signal for solid waste facility

The Coastal Resources Management Office interagency board may be able to give its approval this month to the major permit siting application of the Solid Waste Task Force to build a solid waste facility in Marpi, said Peter Barlas, acting Director of CRMO. In a public hearing Tuesday night, representatives from various government agencies and consulting firm Harding Lawson Associates emphasized the importance of carrying out the project which will pave the way for the closure of Puerto Rico Dump. The Marpi landfill will include the construction of a small waste-to-energy incineration to increase the life of the landfill, lower the cost per ton for solid waste system, significantly reduce the site of the leachate holding pond and provide electrical power source at Marpi.

May 4, 2001

Additional funding eyed for cancer prevention program

The American Cancer Society yesterday underscored the need to expand community-based outreach programs on smoking prevention, treatments and support services to fight the increasing number of cancer and other related diseases. According to ACS Relay for Life Co-Chair Carlene Tenorio, the ACS-Hawaii Pacific Division Inc. and the CNMI community aim to raise more funds from the Relay for Life to sustain cancer prevention programs and patient services. She said it is necessary to increase resources and technical assistance for local health facilities and to achieve the goal of eliminating cancer as a major disease in the community.

Byrd scholarship up for grabs

The Public School System announced it is again offering financial assistance to CNMI's high academic achievers with the resumption of another Robert C. Byrd Scholarship funding cycle. Post-secondary level students with high academic ranking are eligible to apply for this grant. These scholarships will provide \$1,500 per year for up to four years (although funding is assured only for this year) for qualifying graduates. Although this scholarship is highly competitive, PSS encourages all students to fill in an application. The deadline for submission of all Robert C. Byrd applications and required documents is Monday, June 11, 2001.

Benavente calls on public to ask Fitial to veto ETC bill

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

House minority leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan) reiterated his call on schools, parents, and teachers to ask Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to veto a bill suspending the educational tax credit program during periods of austerity.

At the same time, Lt. Gov. Eloy

S. Inos echoed Fitial's statement that a temporary suspension of the ETC program is a good idea.

Benavente said some schools have already started circulating petitions opposed to Senate Bill 17-68, which suspends the ETC program.

Private and public school administrators, teachers, parents, and students testified against the

passage of the Senate bill during a House session last week but the bill still passed and is now with the governor for action.

"I'm asking that students, parents, and teachers get their message to the governor, for him to veto the bill," Benavente told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Senate said it would be better to directly fund the Pub-

lic School System rather than giving ETCs during periods of government austerity. The

bill's findings also said during difficult economic times, the government cannot afford

a tax credit that diminishes the overall money received in tax revenues.

Tinian stores to be checked for sale of alcohol to minors

The Tinian Enforcement Under-age Drinking Law Local Task Force will be conducting two types of compliance check in May and June to reduce under-age drinking on the island.

Enforcement officers of the Department of Commerce, Tinian (ABTC Division) and Department of Public Safety will be leading the compliance checks.

The compliance check (minor decoy & shoulder tap program) involves minors (under 21 years old) who will attempt to buy alcohol from off-sale establish-

ments (retail stores). Those establishments that do sell alcohol to minors will be cited and cashiers will be arrested.

Penalty for establishments:

■ First offense: 48 hours suspension to commence on the same day of the week the offense is found.

■ Second offense: 72 hours suspension to commence on the same day of the week the offense is found and civil penalty of \$300.

■ Third offense: 168 hours suspension to commence on the same day of the week the offense is found and civil penalty of \$1,000.

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Ordnance demolition set Friday

The Department of Public Safety's Explosive Response Team, along with the U.S. Navy's EOD team, will be conducting a demolition on all unexploded ordnance at the Marpi area on May 6, 2011, at 2pm.

DPS will be conducting road

closures and traffic control on roadways leading to the site in Marpi on this date prior to detonation. The general public is advised to observe and comply with signs posted and the direction of police officers assigned to the location. (DPS)

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/S/ HERMAN S. SABLON
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EDITORIAL

Job not finished

The world is a safer place without Osama bin Laden. His death brings both a strong dose of relief and understandable satisfaction. Bin Laden was a mass murderer who lived by violence. Deservedly, he met a violent end. The man whose ideas launched a thousand deadly attacks and spawned scores of terrorist cells has been brought to justice at last.

The pain he brought to others cannot be measured in numbers alone, although they represent a measure of his evil. Thousands killed and many thousands more—an estimated 5,000 in the embassy bombings in Africa alone—maimed and wounded. The feeling of dread each time the terrorist warning system reached an alarming level. The indignities of personal searches and other intrusions of privacy. The scar of Guantanamo and the divisive debate over civil liberties and constitutional violations at the U.S. base. All this is part of bin Laden's legacy.

For members of the military and intelligence community who participated in the final reckoning, many of whom spent years chasing the elusive archenemy, this is a moment to celebrate. They deserve heartfelt congratulations. Any feeling of elation over the demise of a killer with so much blood on his hands must be tempered, however, by the knowledge that it does not signal the end of the war on terror. It may provoke new terrorist incidents against American targets around the world.

But without the animating force and murderous vision of the only leader al-Qaida has ever known, the terrorist organization is vastly diminished. If it is not yet a spent force, it is demoralized. By the time of his death, bin Laden and al-Qaida were more than ever isolated from the mainstream of Islam.

For the multitudes who have participated in the "Arab Spring" of 2011, al-Qaida was already an afterthought, an ideological dead end whose time had come and gone. Bin Laden was the past. The future belongs to all those in the Muslim world who want to reconcile the peaceful precepts of the Islamic religion with the demands of the modern age. While these courageous individuals were facing down the guns and tanks of tyrants, Osama bin Laden was safely ensconced in a mansion plotting more acts of terror, oblivious to his growing irrelevance.

He was hiding in plain sight. It is hard to imagine that he could have done so without the knowledge, if not sponsorship, of some Pakistani authority. At a minimum, this discovery means Pakistan has some explaining to do. Where do its leaders stand in the war on terror and al-Qaida's ally, the Taliban? Are they for or against democracy?

President Obama rightly emphasized as he disclosed the news of bin Laden's death that America is not seeking a wider conflict. This nation, he said, "is not and never will be at war with Islam."

The death of bin Laden should reinforce the U.S. determination to stand with the advocates of democracy in the Middle East and elsewhere. It should also give heart to the guardians of our safety on whose vigilance and dedication we rely. They must persevere until the rest of al-Qaida is buried along with bin Laden.

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The post-bin Laden world

BENGHAZI, Libya—Osama Bin Laden is dead—and so is an old Middle East. That they died together is fortuitous and apt.

Bin Laden lived to propel history backward to the re-establishment of a Muslim caliphate. He died a marginal figure to the transformation fast-forwarding the Arab world toward pluralism and self-expression.

He came of age as the Arab world shifted from Nasserite nationalism to the discovery of identity in political Islamism. It was a potent form of anti-Western defiance. His death comes as post-Islamist revolutions from Tunis to Cairo topple despotism in the name of democratic values long denied Arabs, who, in their vast majority, now seek a reasonable balance between modernity and their faith. Arab pride has disentangled itself from the complex of the West.

Bin Laden's Holy War drew sustenance from "Westoxification"—the sense of humiliation among Arabs at perceived Western dominance and aggression. Bin Laden whipped that resentment into al-Qaida's capacity for nihilistic mass murder.

He died as Arabs en masse move away from the politics of rage and revenge, directed mainly outward, toward a new politics of responsibility and representative government, directed mainly inward.

It is not only the timing of his death at the hands of U.S. forces that is apt, but also its location—far from a Middle East with which he had lost touch. He died in Pakistan. Or rather he died in the so-called AfPak theater where a decade of war has fed jihadist ideology even as it has lost appeal for Web-savvy Arab youth in the region of its birth.

An era has passed. It was a painful decade of disorientation and American whiplash. The mass murder so agonizing it had to be distilled to three digits—9/11—poisoned a new century at its outset. Bin Laden was that poison's slow drip.

I was in New York City that day, at the bottom of Atlantic Avenue, by the East River, when a guy next to me said, "Hey, look, the World Trade Center's on fire." So, on a clear day, began the pulverizing horror that turned human beings to dust and shook Americans' most basic assumptions about the land that morphed into a "homeland."

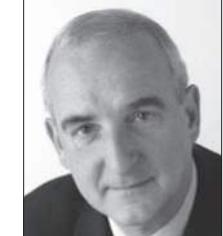
Today I'm in Benghazi, where brave Libyans determined to forge a decent society battle an Arab despot, Muammar al-Qaddafi, the sometime terrorist and slayer of Americans who then claimed anti-Qaeda credentials to secure the support of the West.

In fact, of course, his tyranny, which must end, has fed the very extremism he claimed to oppose. Bin Laden thrived on Arab despotism and on the American hypocrisy involved in supporting that repression.

He died as President Obama's America has made democratization in the Arab world at least a semi-serious U.S. objective for the first time. Effective counterterrorism does not lie in starving a whole region of basic rights. That much has been learned.

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There is hope in this passage from the suicidal Arab rage of 9/11 to the brave resistance of Libya's 2/17 Benghazi revolution—and the other revolutions and uprisings sweeping the region. A long road is left to travel—Al Qaeda is not dead—but the first step was the hardest: the breaking of the captive Arab mind, the triumph of engagement over passivity, the defeat of fear. Bin Laden's rose-tinted caliphate was the solace of the disenfranchised, the disempowered and the desperate. A young guy with a job, a vote and prospects does not need virgins in paradise.

America initially nourished Bin Laden's ideology as a means to defeat the Soviet empire, before becoming its target. Neglect and end-of-history euphoria preceded devastating blowback. In the decade since then, there has been further blowback—from two punishing wars and from mistaken policy.

This is a triumphant day for a young American president who changed policy, retiring his predecessor's horrible misnomer, the Global War on Terror or G.W.O.T., in order to focus, laser-like, on the terrorists determined to do the United States and its allies harm. Bin Laden had enticed George W. Bush's flailing America into his web. Obama saw the need for extraction and engagement—extraction from the wars and engagement with the moderate Muslim majority.

The passage has been uneven but his achievements unquestionable. Open societies have this going for them over circles of fanatical conviction: they learn from mistakes.

How then to complete the work and make a corpse not only of Bin Laden but his movement? Oust Qaddafi with ruthlessness and in short order. Steer the Arab revolutions into port with consistent political support and funding. Arab democracy must also mean Arab opportunity.

End the war in Afghanistan as soon as America's basic security requirements are met. Make America's closest regional ally, Israel, understand that a changed Middle East cannot be met with unchanging Israeli policies. Palestine, like Israel, must rise to the region's dawning post-Osama era of responsibility and representation.

The 2012 campaign just got less interesting. Obama, as I've written before, is a lucky man. I suspect luck and purposefulness do a two-term president make. Obama got Osama because he turned a wider tide.

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The Sisyphean Syndrome

There's Sisyphus, a king in Greek mythology, sentenced by the gods to roll a boulder up a hill over and over again. No matter his efforts the boulder would slip through his fingers and roll back to the bottom of the hill. It becomes an eternal task.

In like fashion, the last three decades gave birth to our version of Sisyphus where the so-called leadership went snoozing on the job. They woke up one rainy morning and met the shock of their life: bankruptcy! The crashing of the bankruptcy waves along the shore ring loudly in their ears even when they retire at night.

So the blue boys were cursed to roll the boulder of bankruptcy up Capital Hill. They are hoping that in one of their breaks, they could juggle it, employing insanity where you juggle and juggle the same figures hoping for different results. But we all know even with simple arithmetic that zero plus zero is zero!

Sad that as the boys work their way up Capital Hill the mountain of debt is taller than Mt. Tagpochau. They've reached San Vicente and most are out by the roadside hitchhiking rides from any Tom, Dick, and Harry. The magnitude of the task at hand is too heavy and messy after 33 years of snoozing on the job.

They are still panting for oxygen as they struggle to roll the bankruptcy boulder up the hill. *De dios mihu na diskuidu!*

Regurgitating reunification

We try to make sense of the latest political blather in town—Marianas reunification—muted into submission by another increase in the price of gasoline and its domino effect on everything else.

The flip side is “austerity,” “delayed paydays,” limited assistance for medical referral, shortage of SHEFA funds, wage decline, inability to meet utility bills of some \$34 million, and employer’s contributions to the Fund, among other assaults. Then there’s the dead and failed promise of “better

A good military is a terrible thing to waste

By CHARLES V. PENA
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The speed with which U.S. military forces were able to begin combat operations in Libya last month, following the president’s order to intervene in the unfolding civil war, is a tribute to the professionalism and combat readiness of the U.S. armed forces.

But it also should give us great pause. Unless the United States has been attacked, military intervention should be a very difficult, sobering decision requiring painstaking reflection.

The trouble is: with U.S. forces now deployed all over the globe, military intervention has become too easy. If it wasn’t so easy perhaps we would do less of it.

Even before the United States went to war in Afghanistan and Iraq, nearly a quarter of all U.S. active duty forces—250,000 of the more than 1 million men and women in the active duty military—were deployed overseas.

They’re virtually everywhere—with installations in dozens of countries, including Greenland, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Qatar and Kyrgyzstan. In less enlightened times, some would call this an “empire.”

Although the Cold War is long since over and there is no threat of Soviet tanks bursting through the Fulda Gap, one of the military fault lines that separated the former East and West Germany, the United States still has 50 Army installations and four Air Force bases in Germany. Elsewhere in Europe, we also have bases in Spain, Portugal, Netherlands, Italy, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey. Who are we defending against what enemy and at what cost?

In East Asia, the United States has upward of 70,000 troops, mostly in Japan and South Korea. We also have bases in Singapore, Australia, the Philippines and in the British territory of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean (not to mention the U.S. territory of Guam). In addition, one of our Navy’s 11 carrier groups is based in Japan.

The problem with such a sprawling global military footprint, which also includes six U.S. “carrier groups” that typically are on deployment at any given time (each including an aircraft carrier, its air wing, cruise-missile armed cruisers, destroyers and attack submarines) is that it can encourage U.S. intervention by making it easy.

There are those who believe this is a good thing. In his memoirs, Gen. Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, recalls a conversation with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in which she allegedly argued, “What’s the point of having this superb military you’re always talking about, if we can’t use it?” In other words, a good military is a terrible thing to waste.

To a president with a hammer as large as America’s military, every problem can readily look like a nail. Employing military force becomes easy and the temptation to do so great.

times.” Wow! It’s like a buyer’s market.

The issue brings into focus the greater question of self-government, specifically, what have we done to strengthen it under the current arrangement? Revisiting the Covenant agreement was also recommended though I quiz what anomalies exist requiring revisiting. I find this material wonderful fodder for comedy in fantasyland.

I think it is the “shock of our life”—waking up one morning finding a huge hole in the local coffers—that prompted erratic and nervous, though self-inflicted, reactions that the agreement be revisited, including an exploratory plebiscite on reunification. In either case, it takes two to tango and I’m not sure that the impending presidential election has room for our nonsense.

Is the problem with the agreement or is it the sense of guilt overflowing from our conscience because we have royally failed to plan for the future of these isles? Do we blame the feds for the mess we’re in today? Come on! There’s a lot of room for self-improvement in our paradigms about self-government. And it isn’t in the constant blame game versus the feds that would resolve this and other issues. It begins with the self!

Let’s begin by resolving shortsighted policies on investments, i.e., protectionist, regressive, and discriminatory policies. If we can’t resolve these issues even at the rudimentary level then buy yourself a bag of popcorn and start watching *Leave It To Beaver*. Why rededicate self-inflicted mess when in fact we’ve been sleeping on the job?

Our country’s global role

Global calamities have made the geopolitical role of the U.S. even more prominent and vital. Reason? Our country is the wealthiest and strongest and it is the only country with the wherewithal who could extend assistance than any other in the geopolitical village. It includes assistance for tsunami-wrecked Japan, tornado-ripped southern states, and instability in the Middle East.

To be sure, America’s military also can be used for humanitarian purposes, such as providing supplies and assisting victims of Japan’s devastating earthquake and tsunami. But that is not a reason for U.S. taxpayers to spend more than \$500 billion a year on defense. No matter how precisely employed, military force is still a blunt instrument intended to destroy and kill.

Ultimately, the only way to wean the United States from using the military to try to solve the world’s problems—which are seldom solved by the use of force—is to reduce the size and footprint of U.S. forces.

The good news is that we can do so and still be safe. America is fortunate to have friendly countries to the north and south and two vast oceans on our flanks. We do not need to contain the Soviet Union—as

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Said former Singapore prime minister Lee Kuan Yew: “It is in the world’s best interests for the U.S. to remain a preeminent power and fully recover from its recent economic troubles so that it can help preserve the balance of power worldwide. . . . The world has developed because of the stability America established. If that stability is rocked, we are going to have a different situation.”

I’ve done an in-depth review of the successful stewardship of Mr. Lee, a senior international statesman, because I was interested in learning of his dedication to making Singapore one of the most important financial centers in Asia. Other geopolitical leaders have sought his views because of his success in building his small and ethnically diverse trade hub into one of the world’s wealthiest countries during and after his term as prime minister before stepping down in 1990.

So what’s my point here? Like Mr. Yew, let’s focus on what we can do to make the CNMI a prosperous self-governing entity over the current state of affairs where our vision is limited to second-guessing our future. Do we really wish to perpetuate the Three Blind Mice syndrome? We need to exit this reluctance for the better. And it requires the resolute commitment of a Moses-like leader to bring us out of a deepening economic slavery into the Jordan of economic prosperity. It can be done and we deserve nothing less!

we did during the Cold War—and there is no successor rival power on the horizon.

While we clearly have enemies, none has the power to seriously threaten the U.S. homeland.

The United States shouldn’t be the first responder to crises that do not threaten our security, such as Libya. If U.S. forces weren’t deployed here, there and everywhere, it would be much easier to say “no” when the rest of the world cries out for America to intervene.

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Letter to the Editor

Thanks to ‘ugly’ power poles

Is the 90-day preliminary injunction really a victory for the people of the Commonwealth? Because I hardly think that the Friends of Marpi represent the voice of the people. After all, they seem to conveniently ignore the much larger group of people who may benefit from the project.

These include the hundreds of Chamorros and Carolinians who for many years past continue to be on the homestead waiting list. And if you include their dependents, this group is likely to be in the thousands. I don’t think they have the luxury to oppose the development of the area. Power poles, no matter how ugly they may be to the Friends of Marpi, may bring them one step closer to homeownership.

I’m not talking about homesteads right next to Suicide Cliff, as they may lead you to believe. There is already a place in Marpi designated for homesteads and it’s not next to Suicide Cliff, Banzai Cliff, or Bird Island. Although Marpi is indeed a beautiful, historic, and scenic place, the Friends of Marpi seem to predict that the area would be forever destroyed by homesteads or any other kind of development.

Do they also believe then that certain places on Saipan like Kagman are destroyed, because of development? There are many power poles in Kagman, but I hardly think it spoils the beauty of the area. In fact, we have the power poles to thank for making Kagman High School, a school with a million-dollar view, a reality. We also have the “ugly” power poles to thank for providing a practical means of providing electricity to the many homes in the area that thousands of people now enjoy.

The truth is, today, many, many more people are able to enjoy the scenic views and beauty of the area. Had a similar group like “Friends of Kagman” succeeded in opposing development in the area, what a

shame that would have been; there would be fewer homes on the market, higher prices for homes, and more of us would be paying rent instead of investing in our homes.

But perhaps that is of no concern to the Friends of Marpi. Just take a look at those who signed the online petition. Many of those who signed the petition are not even Chamorro or Carolinian nor are many from Saipan. I’m not trying to make this a racial issue, but I find it appropriate to remind everyone that it would be those with fewer means and more to lose who would potentially suffer the most.

The more affluent people who have the word “leisure” in their schedules would benefit the most by continuing to enjoy the Marpi area to themselves with their bicycles and walking and hiking buddies. These activities would still be possible with development and there is no reason to make them exclusive. Why not let the indigenous people enjoy the Marpi area too with their homes and their families?

Although the Friends of Marpi may claim to not be opposed to any kind of development and that they just want to carefully plan its development, their insensitive actions smell awfully similar to extreme environmentalism and snob zoning, both of which are not in harmony with the interests and needs of many of my fellow islanders.

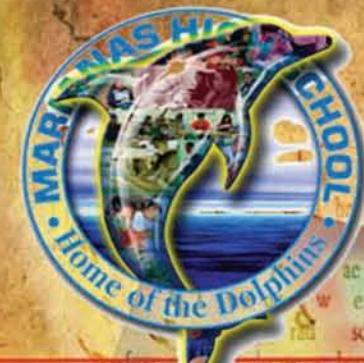
Let’s remind ourselves, environmentalists past and present have been dead wrong about their predictions and the Friends of Marpi is no exception. To trust them, their standards, and their ideals would simply be dangerous.

So I encourage everyone to take a stand and be heard.

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Business

Newspapers see big demand from bin Laden news

WASHINGTON (AP)—

When big news breaks, newspapers are in demand despite the immediacy of online news.

Newspaper across the country including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *The News & Advance* in Lynchburg, Va., printed extra copies in anticipation of higher demand Monday, when headlines heralded the death of Osama bin Laden.

Some newspapers stopped their presses to update their front pages with late Sunday's developments. *The Washington Examiner*, a free daily newspaper, ran a special edition Monday afternoon under the headline, "We Got Him!"

The website for the Newseum, a museum in Washington devoted to journalism, was inaccessible for many visitors Monday as thousands of people flocked to it to see how newspapers around the world handled coverage of the terrorist leader's death. The website posts digital replicas of front pages of hundreds of newspa-

pers every day.

Paul Sparrow, senior vice president of broadcasting at the Newseum, said the museum often sees demand for newspapers' front pages spike when there are major stories in sports, entertainment or politics. Some of the biggest news events recently were the 2008 presidential elections and the New Orleans Saints' Super Bowl victory in 2009.

The site was processing more than 2,800 requests per second when it became overloaded, he said. Traffic started to peak at 3 a.m. Eastern time when Europeans woke to the news. It grew again at about 6 a.m. Newseum even became one of the 10 most-talked about topics on Twitter for a while.

Sparrow said Monday would likely be one of the busiest days, if not the busiest, for Newseum.org.

Although websites allow people to get up-to-the-minute news, readers turn to newspapers because they offer a snap-

shot in time, Sparrow said.

"It reflects an emotional moment in time versus an ongoing story that's constantly changing," he said.

Stephen G. Smith, editor of *The Washington Examiner*, said readers like to relive major events, and newspapers offer a chance to stop and digest news, rather than chase the latest developments.

Several newspapers promoted Monday's editions as keepsakes, just as many did the day after President Barack Obama's election and inauguration. Some newspapers, such as the *Chicago Tribune*, plan to make Monday's edition available for sale on Tuesday for people who missed it.

A newsstand at the National Press Building in Washington sold out nearly every newspaper with the bin Laden story by noon Monday. *The Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Post* were sold out on some newsstands, according to those newspapers.

Sony says 25 million more accounts hacked

NEW YORK (AP)—Sony Corp. said Monday that hackers may have taken personal information from an additional 24.6 million user accounts after a review of the recent PlayStation Network breach found an intrusion at a division that makes multiplayer online games.

The data breach comes on top of the 77 million PlayStation accounts it has already said were jeopardized by a malicious intrusion.

The latest incident occurred April 16 and 17—earlier than the PlayStation break-in, which occurred from April 17 to 19, Sony said.

About 23,400 financial records from an outdated 2007 database involving people outside the U.S. may have been stolen

in the newly discovered breach, including 10,700 direct debit records of customers in Austria, Germany, the Netherlands and Spain, it said.

The outdated information contained credit card numbers, debit card numbers and expiration dates, but not the 3-digit security code on the back of credit cards. The direct debit records included bank account numbers, customer names, account names and customer addresses.

Company spokeswoman Taina Rodriguez said Sony had no evidence the information taken from Sony Online Entertainment, or SOE, was used illicitly for financial gain.

"We had previously believed that SOE customer data had not been obtained in the cyber-

attacks on the company, but on May 1 we concluded that SOE account information may have been stolen and we are notifying you as soon as possible," Sony said in a message to customers.

Sony said that it shut service Monday morning to Sony Online Entertainment games, which are available on personal computers, Facebook and the PlayStation 3 console. Its most popular games include "EverQuest," "Free Realms" and "DC Universe Online."

The company said it will grant players 30 days of additional time on their subscriptions, along with one day for each day the system is down. It is also creating a "make good" plan for its multiplayer online games.

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Nation

Bin Laden's demise: US rejoices after a decade



The construction of the Freedom Tower at the site of the World Trade Center is seen in the distance beyond the September 11th Memorial at Exchange Place in Jersey City, N.J. on Monday, May 2, 2011. AP

WASHINGTON (AP)—After

medically released.

nearly a decade of anger and fear, America rejoiced Monday at the demise of Osama bin Laden, the terror mastermind behind the horrific 9/11 attacks. Navy SEALs who killed the world's most-wanted terrorist seized a trove of al-Qaida documents to pore over, and President Barack Obama laid plans to visit New York's ground zero.

Bin Laden, killed in an intense firefight in a daring raid at his fortified hideout in Pakistan, was hunted down based on information first gleaned years ago from detainees at secret CIA prison sites in Eastern Europe, officials disclosed.

His body was quickly taken away for burial at sea, but not before a DNA match was done to prove his identity. A U.S. official said there also were photos showing bin Laden with the fatal wound above his left eye, a gunshot that tore away part of his skull. The photos were not im-

mediately released.

"The world is safer. It is a better place because of the death of Osama bin Laden," Obama declared, hours after U.S. forces killed the al-Qaida leader in the middle-of-the-night raid on his compound in Abbottabad. Obama was expected to visit New York, the site of al-Qaida's attack on the World Trade Center, and meet with the families of those killed, an administration official said.

The CIA already was poring over confiscated hard drives,

DVDs and other documents

looking for inside information

on al-Qaida, including clues

that might lead to his presumed successor, Ayman al-Zawahri.

Bin Laden's death after a decade on the run unleashed a national wave of euphoria mixed with remembrance for the thousands who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Crowds celebrated throughout

the night outside the White

House and at ground zero in Lower Manhattan where the Twin Towers once stood. Thousands of students at Penn State University and in other college towns spilled into the streets and set off firecrackers to mark the moment.

Obama reaped accolades from world leaders he'd kept in the dark about the operation as well as plaudits from political opponents at home. Republican and Democratic congressional leaders alike gave him a standing ovation at an evening meeting that was planned before the assault but became a celebration of its success.

"Last night's news unified our country" much as the terrorist attacks of 2001 did, Republican House Speaker John Boehner said earlier in the day. Obama later appealed for that unity to take root as the U.S. presses the fight against a terrorist network that is still lethal—and vowing vengeance.

Not everyone believes bin Laden really is dead

WASHINGTON (AP)—

Knowing there would be disbelievers, the U.S. says it used convincing means to confirm Osama bin Laden's identity during and after the firefight that killed him. But the mystique that surrounded the terrorist chieftain in life is persisting in death.

Was it really him? How do we know? Where are the pictures?

Already, those questions are spreading in Pakistan and surely beyond. In the absence of photos and with his body given up to the sea, many people don't want to believe that bin Laden—the Great Emir to some, the fabled escape artist of the Tora Bora mountains to foe and friend alike—is really dead.

U.S. officials are balancing that skepticism with the sensitivities that might be inflamed by showing images they say

they have of the dead al-Qaida leader and video of his burial at sea. Still, it appeared likely that photographic evidence would be produced.

"We are going to do everything we can to make sure that nobody has any basis to try to deny that we got Osama bin Laden," John Brennan, President Barack Obama's counterterrorism adviser, said Monday. He said the U.S. will

"share what we can because we want to make sure that not only the American people but the world understand exactly what happened."

In July 2003, the U.S. took heat but also quieted most conspiracy theorists by releasing graphic photos of the corpses of Saddam Hussein's two powerful sons to prove American forces had killed them.

So far, the U.S. has cited evidence that satisfied the

Navy SEAL force, and at least most of the world, that they had the right man in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

The helicopter-borne raiding squad that swarmed the luxury compound identified bin Laden by appearance. A woman in the compound who was identified as his wife was said to have called out bin Laden's name in the melee.

Officials produced a quick DNA match from his remains that they said established bin Laden's identity, even absent the other techniques, with 99.9 percent certainty. U.S. officials also said bin Laden was identified through photo comparisons and other methods.

Tellingly, an al-Qaida spokesman, in vowing vengeance against America, called him a martyr, offering no challenge to the U.S. account of his death.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Salmonella contamination prompts tomato recall

TRACY, Calif. (AP)—A Florida tomato grower is voluntarily recalling its grape tomatoes after a sample tested positive for salmonella. Six L's Packing Company Inc. said in a statement that no illnesses had been reported in connection to the recall as of April 29. The Immokalee, Fla.-based company says the recalled product was packed on April 11 under the Cherry Berry lot code DW-H in clam shells or 20-pound cardboard containers. The tomatoes were distributed to California, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, New Jersey, New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Georgia, as well as Canada. The contamination was found by a U.S. Department of Agriculture inspector at a New

York distributor, according to Six L's. The tomatoes originated from a farm in Estero, Fla.

Honda expands recall to check 833,000 air bags

DETROIT (AP)—Honda Motor Co. is expanding a recall so it can check the driver's air bags on another 833,000 vehicles for a possible defect. The automaker said it's adding the vehicles to a previous recall because some may have had faulty air bags installed when they were fixed after a crash. Honda said in a statement Monday night that the air bags can inflate with too much force and a casing can break and cause injury or death. Vehicles being added to the recall include some 2001 and 2002 Accord and Civic, 2002 Odyssey, 2002 and 2003 CR-V, 2002 and 2003 Acura 3.2 TL

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Asia

Phone call by Kuwaiti courier led to bin Laden

WASHINGTON (AP)—When one of Osama bin Laden's most trusted aides picked up the phone last year, he unknowingly led U.S. pursuers to the doorstep of his boss, the world's most wanted terrorist.

That monitored phone call, recounted Monday by a U.S. official, ended a years-long search for bin Laden's personal courier, the key break in a worldwide manhunt. The courier, in turn, led U.S. intelligence to a walled compound in northeast Pakistan, where a team of Navy SEALs shot bin Laden to death.

The violent final minutes were the culmination of years of intelligence work. Inside the CIA team hunting bin Laden, it always was clear that bin Laden's vulnerability was his couriers. He was too smart to let al-Qaida foot soldiers, or even his senior commanders,

know his hideout. But if he wanted to get his messages out, somebody had to carry them, someone bin Laden trusted with his life.

Shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, detainees in the CIA's secret prison network told interrogators about an important courier with the nom de guerre Abu Ahmed al-Kuwaiti who was close to bin Laden. After the CIA captured al-Qaida's No. 3 leader, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, he confirmed knowing al-Kuwaiti but denied he had anything to do with al-Qaida.

Then in 2004, top al-Qaida operative Hassan Ghul was captured in Iraq. Ghul told the CIA that al-Kuwaiti was a courier, someone crucial to the terrorist organization. In particular, Ghul said, the courier was close to Faraj al-Libi, who replaced Mohammed as al-

Qaida's operational commander. It was a key break in the hunt for bin Laden's personal courier.

"Hassan Ghul was the linchpin," a U.S. official said.

Finally, in May 2005, al-Libi was captured. Under CIA interrogation, al-Libi admitted that when he was promoted to succeed Mohammed, he received the word through a courier. But he made up a name for the courier and denied knowing al-Kuwaiti, a denial that was so adamant and unbelievable that the CIA took it as confirmation that he and Mohammed were protecting the courier. It only reinforced the idea that al-Kuwaiti was very important to al-Qaida.

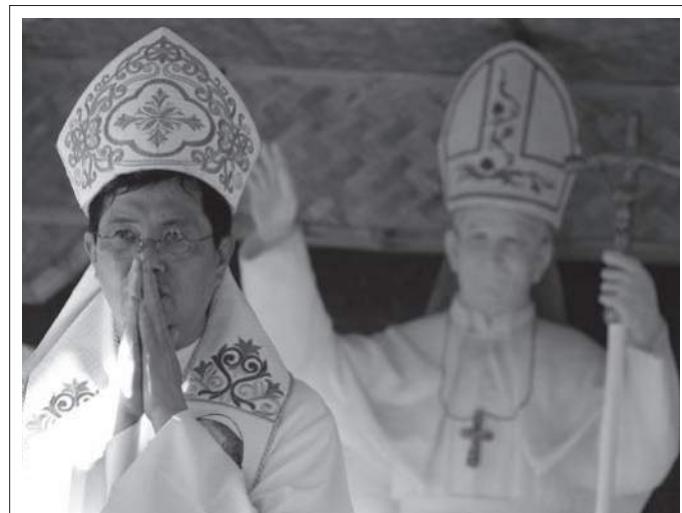
If they could find the man known as al-Kuwaiti, they'd find bin Laden.

The revelation that intelligence gleaned from the CIA's so-called

black sites helped kill bin Laden was seen as vindication for many intelligence officials who have been repeatedly investigated and criticized for their involvement in a program that involved the harshest interrogation methods in U.S. history.

"We got beat up for it, but those efforts led to this great day," said Marty Martin, a retired CIA officer who for years led the hunt for bin Laden.

Mohammed did not discuss al-Kuwaiti while being subjected to the simulated drowning technique known as waterboarding, former officials said. He acknowledged knowing him many months later under standard interrogation, they said, leaving it once again up for debate as to whether the harsh technique was a valuable tool or an unnecessarily violent tactic.



A Filipino Catholic bishop gestures in front of a life-size image of beatified John Paul II at Morong, Bataan province, northern Philippines on Monday May 2, 2011. AP

Hunting down Osama bin Laden

The raid that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden took shape after detainees identified a bin Laden courier.

First information

- After 9/11, CIA chases leads about bin Laden's inner circle
- Detainees repeatedly mention one courier's pseudonym, identifying him as one of the few trusted by bin Laden; true name, location unknown
- Courier's true identity learned in 2007
- Two years later, locations where courier and his brother operate in Pakistan are learned

Narrowing in

- August 2010 Courier's residence found: high-security compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan
- September 2010 U.S. thinks bin Laden may be hiding in compound
- February 2011 U.S. thinks intelligence is strong enough to begin developing plan for going after bin Laden
- March 2011 First of five National Security Council meetings on capturing or killing bin Laden; other meetings: March 29, April 12, April 19, April 28

The operation

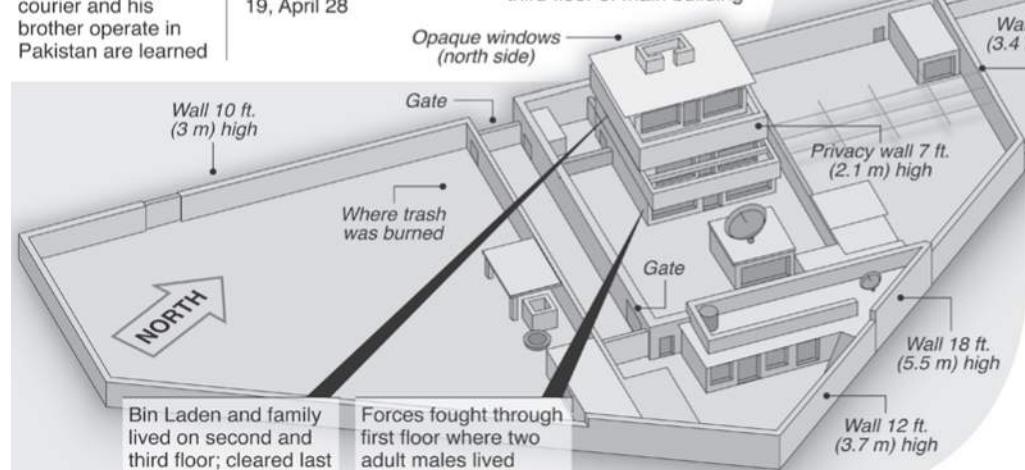
- April 29, 2011, 8:20 a.m. EDT Obama authorizes operation
- May 1, 1 p.m. Top advisers gather at White House
- Around 3 p.m. (midnight in Pakistan) Helicopters heard over Abbottabad
- Two dozen Navy SEALs drop into high-walled compound; inside for 40 minutes
- Bin Laden killed in last five or 10 minutes of siege; shot twice in the head on third floor of main building

Inside the compound in Abbottabad

- Built in 2005; about 3,000 sq. ft. (279 sq. m) of space; but no telephone or Internet service to avoid detection
- Two men lived on first floor
- Exterior walls topped with barbed wire



2005 aerial image
of the compound



Outcome and aftermath

All times EDT

- One U.S. helicopter lost because of mechanical failure; destroyed for security purposes
- Along with bin Laden, three adult males killed: bin Laden's son and two al-Qaida facilitators
- Woman identified as bin Laden's wife used as human shield, killed; two others injured
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China calls death of bin Laden a landmark event

BEIJING (AP)—China has called the death of Osama bin Laden a landmark event and says it is a step in the right direction for anti-terrorism efforts. In a statement released late Monday night, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said China had taken note

of the killing of bin Laden in a U.S. raid in Pakistan. "We believe the death of Osama bin Laden is a milestone and a positive development for international anti-terrorism efforts," Jiang said. She said terrorism is the common enemy of the international community and that China has also been a victim of terrorism.

Floods, mudslides, lightning kill 7 in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Sri Lanka's government says floods, mudslides and lightning have killed seven people in the southern part of the country. The government's Disaster Management Center says heavy rains triggered floods

and mudslides in the low-lying Ratnapura district, killing five people Sunday. It says two other people died after being struck by lightning. The center said Monday that floods and mudslides also damaged 294 houses in Ratnapura, which experiences regular flooding. Heavy flooding in January in several parts of the South Asian island nation killed

43 people and affected more than 1 million others.

New Zealand's largest city hit by tornado

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—A tornado ripped across part of New Zealand's largest city on Tuesday, upturning cars and sending debris slicing through the air, witnesses said.

news reports said. At least one person was killed and about 20 injured, a hospital official said. The swirling dark-gray column of air and cloud cut a 3-mile (5-kilometer) path across the Auckland suburb of Albany at mid afternoon, tearing off roofing iron, flattening trees and tossing vehicles around, police and witnesses said.

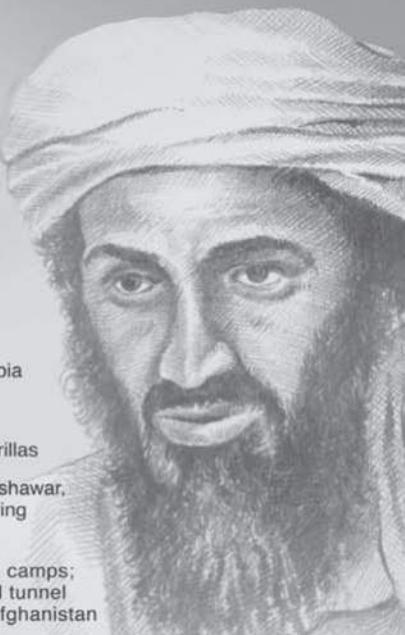
World

World: Bin Laden's death sparks relief, outrage

Osama bin Laden

Events in the life of the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks:

- 1957 Born in Saudi Arabia
- 1979 Goes to Pakistan to meet CIA-funded anti-Soviet Afghan guerrillas
- 1984 Opens base in Peshawar, Pakistan, for Arabs arriving to fight Soviets
- 1986 Develops Afghan camps; helps build CIA-funded tunnel complex near Khost, Afghanistan
- 1988 Forms al-Qaida to overthrow corrupt Muslim governments with Egyptian Islamic Jihad and other militant Muslims
- 1989 Returns to Saudi Arabia after Soviets leave Afghanistan
- 1990 Works in family construction business; criticizes Saudi government for inviting U.S. troops to expel Iraq from Kuwait
- 1991 Expelled from Saudi Arabia for anti-government activities; goes to Afghanistan briefly, then Sudan
- 1992 Bombing of hotel used by U.S. troops in Yemen
- 1993 Car bomb at N.Y. World Trade Center kills six; 18 U.S. troops in Somalia killed; Somalis trained by bin Laden supporters suspected
- 1994 Saudi Arabia revokes bin Laden's citizenship, seizes much of his property
- 1995 Bombing of Saudi National Guard station in Riyadh kills five Americans, two Indians
- 1996 At U.S. request, Sudan expels bin Laden, who moves to Afghanistan; car bomb kills 19 at U.S. military housing in Saudi Arabia; Taliban rebels financed by bin Laden control Afghanistan
- 1997 U.S.-Saudi commandos recruit Afghans and Pakistanis to capture bin Laden; plot later called off
- 1998 Bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania kill 224 people; U.S. missiles attack al-Qaida headquarters in Afghanistan
- 1999 U.S. presses Taliban to turn over bin Laden; he is moved to secret location
- 2000 Bombing of U.S. destroyer Cole in Aden, Yemen, kills 17 sailors
- 2001 Four bin Laden followers convicted in U.S. embassy bombings
- Sept. 11, 2001 Hijackers fly jetliners into World Trade Center and Pentagon; U.S., U.K. and anti-Taliban Afghans mount air and land attacks on al Qaeda and Taliban
- Dec. 22, 2001 Shoe bomber Richard Reid, a British-born follower of bin Laden, tries unsuccessfully to blow up a Paris-to-Miami flight
- 2002-3 Broadcast of video-, audiotapes of person who purportedly is bin Laden; Feb. 2003 message urges Muslims to attack
- 2004 For three days in March, U.S. and Afghan forces pound mountain caves in Tora Bora in search of bin Laden, but fail
- 2009 Accuses President Barack Obama of planting seeds of "revenge and hatred toward America" in the Muslim world
- 2010 Purportedly claims responsibility for Dec. 25, 2009, attempting bombing of a U.S. plane
- May 1, 2011 Killed by U.S. forces in Abbottabad, Pakistan



U.S. mission in Somalia



World Trade Center

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—News of Osama bin Laden's death has stirred strong emotions, from a profound sense of relief across much of the globe to outrage among sympathizers who vowed to avenge the al-Qaida leader.

Most world leaders on Monday welcomed President Barack Obama's announcement of the helicopter raid on a compound in Pakistan, congratulating the U.S. for killing bin Laden or expressing satisfaction that the search for the world's most wanted terrorist was over. "This is the fate that evil killers deserve," said outgoing Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri, deplored the harm that bin Laden did to "the image of Islam and Arab causes."

French President Nicolas Sarkozy hailed "the tenacity of the United States" in its hunt for the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks. Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi called his death a "great result in the fight against evil."

Spontaneous, celebratory rallies broke out in New York City at ground zero, where the World Trade Center towers fell nearly 10 years ago, and outside the White House where Obama announced bin Laden's death.

"Here in New York, it is impossible not to be reminded of the murderous legacy of Osama bin Laden," EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said while on a visit to the city. "He and the al-Qaida network have

Mourners demand revenge in Libya after NATO strike

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Libyans shouting for revenge buried Moammar Gadhafi's second youngest son to the thundering sound of anti-aircraft fire Monday, as South Africa warned that the NATO bombing that killed him would only bring more violence.

Libya's leader did not attend the tumultuous funeral of 29-year-old Seif al-Arab, but older brothers Seif al-Islam and Mohammed paid their respects, thronged by a crowd of several thousand. Jostling to get closer to the coffin, draped with a green Libyan flag, mourners flashed victory signs and chanted "Revenge, revenge for you, Libya."

Three of Gadhafi's grandchildren, an infant and two toddlers, also died in Saturday's attack, which NATO says targeted one of the regime's command and control centers. Gadhafi and his wife were in the compound at the time, but escaped unharmed, Libyan officials said, accusing the alliance of trying to assassinate the Libyan leader.

NATO officials have denied they are hunting Gadhafi to break the battlefield stalemate between Gadhafi's troops and rebels trying for the past 10

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Ashton said "we need to remain vigilant in our efforts to completely disable the al-Qaida network, as the threat of retaliatory action remains serious." In Afghanistan, where bin Laden was given refuge by the country's previous Taliban rulers, local officials erupted in applause when President Hamid Karzai told them the news.

"(His hands) were dipped in the blood of thousands and thousands of children, youths and elders of Afghanistan," Karzai told reporters, and repeated his claim that the fight against terrorism should not be fought in Afghan villages, but across the border in hideouts in Pakistan where bin Laden was killed.

But others in the war-torn nation disagreed about bin Laden's legacy. French President Nicolas Sarkozy hailed "the tenacity of the United States" in its hunt for the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks. Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi called his death a "great result in the fight against evil."

"He was like a hero in the Muslim world," said Sayed Jalal, a rickshaw driver in the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad. "His struggle was always against non-Muslims and infidels, and against superpowers."

At the site of the 1998 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Kenya, a man who lost his eyesight in the attack prayed in front of a wall commemorating those killed.

"This is a day of great honor to the survivors and victims of terrorism in the world," Doug-

weeks to depose him. Rebels largely control eastern Libya, while Gadhafi has clung to much of the west, including the capital, Tripoli.

Fierce battles have raged in Misrata, a besieged rebel-held city in western Libya, which has been shelled by Libyan forces every day in recent weeks. Records at one hospital showed that at least eight people were killed and 54 injured in shelling on Monday that lasted all morning and for a brief period during the afternoon. Rebels have repeatedly called on NATO to use more firepower against Libyan troops.

"We call on the world to deal with Gadhafi just as they dealt with bin Laden," said a Misrata doctor, referring to the killing of terror mastermind Osama bin Laden in Pakistan by U.S. forces early Monday. The doctor only gave his first name, Aiman, for fear of reprisals.

Under a U.N. mandate, NATO's role is to protect Libyan civilians, but the international community has increasingly disagreed about what that entails. Western political leaders have called for Gadhafi's ouster, prompting warnings from Russia, China and others that regime change must not

be responsible for the deaths of thousands of innocent people across the world, including the Arab world."

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"I don't gain any satisfaction in his death—nothing will bring Josh back to me," Deegan said.

The Vatican said Christians could never rejoice about the death of any human being. But spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi said bin Laden was responsible for having caused the deaths of countless innocents and for having used religion to spread "division and hatred among people."

Outside the iconic Taj Mahal hotel in Mumbai, India—one of the sites of the 2008 terror siege that killed 166—some people didn't believe bin Laden was dead. Others said killing him had made the world a little safer.

"It's a good feeling there is one terrorist less," said Sufyan Khan, a 20-year-old Muslim student.

Elsewhere, those who followed or sympathized with bin Laden expressed shock and dismay, or vowed revenge.

"My heart is broken," Mohamed

Sidialo told AP Television News. "A day to remember those whose lives were changed forever. A day of great relief to us victims and survivors, to see that bin Laden has been killed."

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A top al-Qaida ideologue going by the online name "Assad al-Jihad2" posted a long eulogy for bin Laden on extremist websites and promised to "avenge the killing of the Sheik of Islam."

Bin Laden's former sister-in-law, Swiss-born Carmen Binladin, told the AP that he would have wanted to die "rather than face justice in an American court."

She said his family in Saudi Arabia will have received the news of his death with "a great sense of sadness."

WORLD BRIEFS

Syrian army conducts widespread raids, arrests

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian troops went door-to-door in cities and towns across the nation Monday, arresting scores of people in a campaign of intimidation aimed at crushing an uprising against President Bashar Assad's authoritarian regime, activists said. Rami Abdul-Rahman, head of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said hundreds of people had been arrested over the past two days alone. "The arrests are ongoing, from the besieged southern city of Daraa to the country's north and passing through the suburbs of Damascus," he said.

Canada's Conservatives win coveted majority

TORONTO (AP)—Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper won his coveted majority government in elections Monday that also marked a shattering defeat for the opposition Liberals, preliminary results showed. Harper, who took office in 2006, has won two elections but until now had never held a majority of Parliament's 308 seats, forcing him to rely on the opposition to pass legislation. While Harper's hold on the 308-member Parliament has been tenuous during his five-year tenure, he has managed to nudge an instinctively center-left country to the right. He has gradually lowered sales and corporate taxes, avoided climate change legislation, promoted Arctic sovereignty, upped military spending and extended Canada's military mission in Afghanistan.

Focus

CAIRO—The austere image of a tall, turbaned man battling the West from a cave inspired young Islamist warriors for years. But when Osama bin Laden died, his virulent brand of jihad had been all but extinguished by the “Arab Spring” that found more potent and peaceful ways to reshape the world.

Al-Qaida-inspired militants still roam the mountains of Yemen and along the dangerous coast of Somalia. For many Arabs, though, bin Laden’s appeal had waned in the lexicon of Facebook and Twitter; he had become akin to an oldies rock ‘n’ roll act, an antiquated icon in a new era of revolution.

The pro-democracy movements that overthrew the autocratic regimes in Tunisia and Egypt accomplished in weeks what militants couldn’t in decades. Radical and ultraconservative Muslims temper their screeds these days to speak to a Middle East and North Africa that crave jobs and freedoms over religious extremism and holy war that have led to promises of paradise but few earthly rewards.

“Many of us never really understood what exactly is jihad,” said Nader Hazem, a 27-year-old engineer in Cairo. “Blowing ourselves up anywhere there is an infidel? And what will it lead to? What will Islam gain if bin Laden is successful with every attack against Western targets he plans?”

That is not to suggest that bin Laden’s philosophy has lost all resonance. The cafe bombing that killed 15 people in Morocco last week is testament to the stunning brutality that can rip through a city street. Before NATO airstrikes against Moammar Gadhafi’s forces last month, a Libyan rebel said that if the West didn’t help, he and others might turn to al-Qaida as a last resort.

Weeks later, with French jets and U.S. missiles streaking the sky, it was American flags, not posters of bin Laden, that fluttered during Friday prayers in the rebel capital of Benghazi.

The Arab world has changed much since Sept. 11, 2001, when many across the Mideast cheered as the World Trade Center towers collapsed. The U.S. invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq spurred thousands more young Muslim men toward al-Qaida training camps in the rugged terrain of Pakistan. But years of jihad proved bloody, fruitless and, in a large sense, counterproductive. Suicide bombers in Baghdad targeted not only infidels but also fellow Muslims, leading to disillusionment and the gradual erosion of bin Laden’s mystique.

“We are so glad to hear that news,” said Sheik Muhammed Hayis from Iraq’s Anbar province, once a stronghold of al-Qaida disciples. “All orphans, widows and people who suffered that butcher should be happy now. ... The killing of bin Laden is victory for all humanity, not only for Americans.”

Col. Raad Ali, who helped lead the Sunni fight against the al-Qaida affiliate in west Baghdad in 2007, said the group’s religious extremism and indiscriminate killing cost it support not long after its fighters had been welcomed.

“At the beginning, they talked about very different things, about liberation and freedom and kicking out the Americans and said, ‘We will help you,’ ” Ali said. “Many Iraqis believed them, but after a while Iraqis discovered this was a lie. And they discovered they [al-Qa-



Bin Laden’s brand of jihad seen diminishing among Arabs

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

ida] were big killers. The group killed thousands of Sunnis and Shiites.”

The decline in bin Laden’s allure has been dramatic. A survey done by the Pew Research Center’s Global Attitudes Project found that in 2003 bin Laden had the support of 56 percent of

wound. It has dealt a blow to our morale and has amplified the feeling of oppression,” said Sheik bin Salem Shahhal, the son of the man recognized as the founder of the religiously ultraconservative Salafist movement in Lebanon. “But this has only made Islamic

Al-Qaida’s attacks have been visceral and cinematic, providing fleeting release for pent-up rage but doing little to heal the Arab world’s larger problems of poverty, political repression and corruption. It wasn’t a terrorist plot that brought down Egyptian President

‘Many of us never really understood what exactly is jihad. Blowing ourselves up anywhere there is an infidel? And what will it lead to?’

Jordanians. By this year, that figure had dropped to 13 percent. Over the same years in Indonesia, those numbers fell from 59 percent to 26 percent. And in Turkey, which ranks high in anti-American attitudes, confidence in bin Laden fell from 15 percent to 3 percent.

Yet some predict bin Laden’s death at the hands of U.S. special forces will bring a wave of reprisals. It has “left a

Salafist movements even more intent on seeking revenge.”

Ismail Haniyeh, the prime minister of the Hamas government in the Gaza Strip, was quoted by Reuters as saying: “We condemn the assassination and the killing of an Arab holy warrior. We regard this as a continuation of the American policy based on oppression and the shedding of Muslim and Arab blood.”

Hosni Mubarak; it was hundreds of thousands of peaceful protesters from across society demanding better lives.

The concern for moderates in the region, however, is that the Arab Spring may be hijacked by extremist voices. Salafists in Egypt and other countries are finding political parties to advance their religious agendas. The conservative wing of Egypt’s Muslim Brother-

hood supports Hamas, which considers bin Laden a martyr. What is unfolding is an intense competition between pro-democracy secularists and fundamentalist Islamists to shape a new generation of political thought.

Bin Laden and al-Qaida forced both moderate and extremist Muslims to examine harsh strands of Islam and their influences on government and society. This debate is far from over, but Washington and Europe, as well as religious moderates in Cairo and liberals in Tunis, are hoping for a renaissance that will make the region more tolerant, democratically inclined and open to the West.

Hatred of the West filtered through his fiery vision of the Quran was bin Laden’s cachet for years. After generations of colonialism and the failed dream of Arab nationalism, the Middle East had sought a hero against what it regarded as a soulless West that co-opted Arab leaders, denied Palestinians a homeland and siphoned away oil.

“Bin Laden was someone that we unintentionally supported over the years,” said Abdel Rahman El Nemr, 30-year-old communications engineer in Cairo. “It was a mental thing. Despite disagreeing with many of his extreme thoughts and his practicing and inciting violence against non-Muslims, millions of Muslims all over the world, including myself, sometimes regarded him as a symbol of fighting against American and Western tyranny.”

But that, say many Arabs, was yesterday.

“All the rhetoric that bin Laden and his allies were using against Arab governments no longer applies,” said Riad Kawajji, an analyst and director of the Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis, a privately funded think tank based in Beirut and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. “That’s why we see the Salafists talk about participation and the Muslim Brotherhood (in Egypt) modifying its agenda and meeting the seculars halfway.”

Bin Laden’s violence against innocents brought stereotypes and discrimination against Muslims that may take years to overcome: “He actually harmed Islam more than anyone else,” said Amal Kamal Din, an Egyptian dentist. “He always spoke of Western injustice toward Islam while everything he did helped increase and justify this injustice against us.”

Some Muslims were in disbelief of his death Monday, saying bin Laden had once again slipped away, tricking the West. Others were confused. For so long he had loomed large, a graying warrior with a rifle and combat fatigues, winding along mountain paths, a conspiracy theorist’s dream.

“His death doesn’t really mean anything to me,” said Hazem, the Cairo engineer. “I’ve always regarded him as a terrorist who was made a scarecrow by the U.S. and the West to make the whole world fear Islam and pursue their certain interests in the Middle East.”

Staff writers Borzou Daragahi in Beirut, Lebanon, and Ned Parker in Cairo, news assistants Salar Jaff in Baghdad and Amro Hassan in the Times’ Cairo bureau, and special correspondents Roula Hajjar in Beirut and Alsanosi Ahmed in Khartoum, Sudan, contributed to this report.

Campus Life

NMC, WIA, Bank of Hawaii enhance financial literacy course

The Northern Marianas College's Community Development Institute recently collaborated with the Workforce Investment Agency and Bank of Hawaii to teach students about financial literacy.

The 15 individuals had taken the "Introduction to Financial Literacy" course, which is part of CDI's Basic Workforce Development Skills Training. The training consists of 14 courses that are designed to improve individual knowledge and specific skills geared around actual workforce needs. These courses were created based on course surveys, community need assessments, and employer interviews.

The "Introduction to Financial Literacy" course aims specifically to teach participants how to wisely manage their finances, and make informed financial decisions. The Bank of Hawaii also offers a similar workshop called the "Smart Money Seminar" which focuses on topics such as managing a checking and savings account and understanding the basics of credit.

To enhance the participants' understanding of financial management, CDI, WIA, and BoH collaborated to integrate the "Smart Money Seminar" with the "Introduction to Financial Literacy" course.

"Having participants avail of the Bank of Hawaii 'Smart Money Seminar' greatly enhanced what they learned in the course," said CDI director David Attao. "We are happy to give them the opportunity to learn more from banking professionals about important financial matters."

CDI is a program under the NMC Division of Community Programs and Services that provides a range of specialized academic courses, non-traditional courses, customized training, outreach and extended program services, personal enrichment, and community-based learning that are accessible and affordable to the public. (NMC)

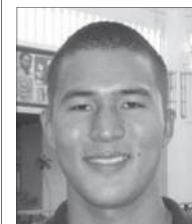
WIA is a federal program designed to meet the needs of businesses, job seekers, and others who want to further their careers through employment trainings. Upon completion of trainings at NMC, many of the participants are referred to various businesses in both the public and private sectors.

For more information about programs and services offered by CDI, visit their office at the NMC As Tulae campus in Building P, or contact them at 234-5498 Ext. 1010, or email to CDI program manager Les Ogumoro-Uludong at logumoro@nmcnet.edu, or log on to www.nmcnet.edu. (NMC)



Participants of the Northern Marianas College Community Development Institute program's Basic Workforce Development Skills Training and CDI program manager Les Ogumoro, seated second from right, take time to pose for a group photo with Bank of Hawaii representatives after attending the BoH "Smart Money Seminar." In this photo are BoH Business Service representatives and seminar conductors Herminio Matsumoto, seated fourth from right, and Joanne Aldan, seated third from right.

2 UOG students get summer math internships at UH Hilo



Rouse Dai

Two University of Guam math majors, Yan Dai and Akashi Rouse, have been accepted into the Pacific Undergraduate Research Experience in Mathematics, or PURE Math, a five-week summer internship at the University of Hawaii in Hilo. The two will receive roundtrip airfare, campus housing, a meal plan and a \$2,500 stipend for participating in the program.

Beginning in June, PURE Math interns will have the opportunity to study the beauty and power of mathematics and its applications as this year's educational topics include an introduction to topology and dynamics and computational commutative algebra. The internship will also feature professional development seminars, computer programming, and presentations of mathematics from faculty members outside the PURE Math program, according to the program's website. In addition to educational experiences, the program promises planned weekend events for interns to explore the big island of Hilo.

Mathematics professors Grazyna Badowski and Zoltan Szekely recommended Dai and Rouse for the program. Applicants must complete one semester of Calculus I and earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better to be eligible for the program. (UoG)

WASHINGTON, D.C.—"Was it good that the framers of the U.S. Constitution met in secret in Philadelphia?"

"Was the Declaration of Independence basically an 'anti-federalist' document?"

"How did Lincoln justify taking away constitutionally protected property rights when issuing the Emancipation Proclamation?"

These were the kinds of questions about the U.S. Constitution and U.S. political history that confronted the 22-student team from Saipan Southern High School this weekend during the annual We the People national competition. The Manta Rays represented the Northern Mariana Islands against teams from 51 other U.S. states and territories.

On Monday, the team and their five teacher-coaches met with CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, who welcomed the scholars to their congressional office on Capitol Hill, where the Constitution is practiced every day.

The 22 students—Randall Abigunia, Ashley Valiente Alejo, Carmen V. Borja, Chelsea C. Borja, Shelane Borja, Shanie Torres Camacho, Melvin Castro, Desiree Rei E. Cepeda, Soo Jin Choi, Lallane Guiao, Dae Hwan Jung, Ji Hyun Kim, Do Yi Lee, Elivina Maglona, Patricia Palacios, Jane Rhee, Hannah Isabel Shai, Min

Jung Song, Rachel Sumor, Miki Roberto, Zachary F. Sablan, and Richie Houhong Xu—were joined by Saipan

Southern teacher Gerald C. Russell during their visit to Sablan's office.

Coaches Rita Villagomez, Steven

Gardiner, Justice John Manglona, and Steve Smith also visited their congressional office.

We the People is funded by Congress through the Education for Democracy Act. (PR)

Constitutional scholars visit congressional office



Saipan Southern High School students and Saipan Southern teacher Gerald C. Russell pose with CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan during their visit to Sablan's office on Capitol Hill.

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Life & Style

By ROBERT BARR
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LONDON (AP)—Every Sunday, the majestic cadences of the King James Bible resound in Her Majesty's Chapel Royal in London, in scattered parish churches in Britain and in countless chapels, halls and congregations around the world.

You may also hear it in a pub or on a street—"the skin of my teeth," "the root of the matter," and "turned the world upside down"—or listening to the lyrics of Handel's "Messiah."

Still a best-seller, the King James Bible is being celebrated on its 400th anniversary as a religious and literary landmark and formative linguistic and cultural influence on the English-speaking world.

You do not have to be a believer to appreciate it. When Britain's most famous atheist, the evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins, read a chapter from the Book of Ruth for a YouTube Bible project, he said, "It is important that religion should not be allowed to hijack this cultural resource."

The celebrations may be tempered by a sense of loss: the decline of churches, a lack of awareness of the King James Bible's legacy. Yet that legacy has more than fulfilled the goal set by its team of translators.

"Truly, good Christian reader, we never thought from the beginning, that we should need to make a new translation, nor yet to make of a bad one a good one ... but to make a good one better, or out of many good ones, one principal good one," the translators said in a preface to the first edition.

Says British academic Gordon Campbell: "Other translations may engage the mind, but the King James Version is the Bible of the heart."

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What did King James have to do with it?

James VI of Scotland, who also became King James I of England in 1603, took a keen interest in religion. James, in the estimation of historian Christopher Hill, was "a learned man, shrewd and pedantic rather than original."

James summoned a conference at Hampton Court Palace near London in 1604, hoping to thrash out differences between Church of England bishops and Puritans.

Failing to make progress on other issues, Puritan leader John Reynolds proposed a new translation and, as a contemporary account says, "hereupon did his Majestie begin to bethink himself of the good that might ensue."

The great work began.

The translation, the Old Testament from Hebrew, the New Testament from Greek, was assembled by 47 translators in six committees working in London, Oxford and Cambridge, and it emerged seven years later at a propitious moment.

"English was in a particularly fluid state. Both the works of Shakespeare and the King James Bible appeared around this formative time and stamped their imprint on the newer forms of the language," says Alister McGrath, professor of theology, ministry and education at King's College, London.

The date in 1611 when the first edition emerged from the press is uncertain—many celebrate the anniversary on May 2—but it was a turning point.



In this Tuesday, April 19, 2011 picture, Dunia Garcia-Ontiveros, head of Bibliographic Services at the London Library, looks at a copy of the King James bible in the library in central London.

King James Bible still going strong at age 400

King James editions marred by mistakes

The King James Bible was dogged by misprints and mistakes from the very first editions:

- One became known as the "He Bible" because it mistranslated "she" in Ruth 3:15.
- The "She Bible" published concurrently got the gender right, but confused Jesus and the traitor Judas Iscariot in Matthew 26:36: "Then cameth Judas with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, sit yee here, while I goe and pray yonder."
- A 1631 edition, known as the "Wicked Bible," said: "Thou shalt commit adultery."
- A 1653 edition promised that "the unrighteous will shall inherit the kingdom of God."
- In 1795 a Bible had Jesus saying, "let the children first be killed" instead of "filled."
- "Vineyard" became "vinegar" in a page heading of the "Vinegar Bible" published by John Baskett in 1716. The edition had so many mistakes that it was mocked as "a Baskettful of errors."
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The King's Printers had a monopoly on printing Bibles, and by 1650 the King James Version had driven the rival Geneva Bible out of the market.

Jonathan Swift, writing in 1712, believed the King James Bible and the Book of Common Prayer, "being perpetually read in churches, have proved a kind of standard for language, especially to the common people."

"I am persuaded that the translators of the Bible were masters of an English style much fitter for that work, than any we see in our present writings," said the author of "Gulliver's Travels" and dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin.

The King James Version was more of a popularizer than an innovator in forming the English language.

"No other translation reached so many people over so long a period as King James. And this probably explains why so many of its usages entered public consciousness," David Crystal, honorary professor of linguistics at the University of Wales, wrote in his book, "Begat: The King James Bible and the English Language."

Crystal traced 257 expressions in modern English which are in the King James Version, but only 18 were newly minted. The rest originated in earlier versions. Among the KJV's unique contributions are "east of Eden," "how are the mighty fallen," "beat their swords into plowshares," "get thee behind me," and "a thorn in the flesh."

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Siding with the bishops against the Puritans, the translators were instructed not to translate "church" as "congregation." They were told to preserve as much as possible the text of the so-called Bishops Bible of 1568, then the official English Bible, but they were permitted to consult William Tyndale's partial translation, Geneva and some other versions "when they better agree with the text" in Greek or Hebrew.

Tyndale, who defied the law to publish an English New Testament in 1526, stands out as the genius; anywhere from 75 percent to 90 percent of his work was incorporated in the King James Bible.

Tyndale rendered Scripture in the common language of his time, aiming to make it accessible even to a humble plowboy. His version was based not on the Vulgate, the Latin translation which had been the standard for Roman Catholics, but on Hebrew and Greek manuscripts.

In doing so, he defied an English law of 1401 which forbade the publication of any religious book without church permission.

Tyndale went abroad, while church authorities built bonfires outside St. Paul's Cathedral in London with copies of his New Testament translation. He was arrested and convicted of heresy in the Netherlands, and was strangled and his body was burned in October 1536.

Only a year later, King Henry VIII granted a license to a complete Bible which included Tyndale's work, and his government urged every church to have an English Bible.

The spread of Bibles in English had a profound influence on Protestant English-speaking culture, says David Norton, professor of English at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

"It was not just that the Bible was read, heard and known: the Bible in English made the individualistic act of reading and understanding primary, creating a culture wedded to the belief that understood words were of the highest importance," Norton wrote in his recent book, "The King James Bible."

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Though many translations are now permitted in the Church of England, some parishes cling to the King James Bible. The Scriptures may be available in dozens of languages at the click of a mouse, but legions of today's readers, believer and nonbeliever alike, find more solemnity in "For dust thou art, and to dust shalt thou return" than in the Good News Bible's "you were made of soil, and you will become soil again."

At its best, the prose is timeless and transparent: Folk singer Pete Seeger took nearly all the words of "Turn! Turn! Turn!" from the King James Version's Ecclesiastes ("A time to be born, and a time to die. . .")

The language "makes you sit up and take notice," says the Rev. Karl Przywala, who serves six Nottinghamshire churches. But it can be a stumbling block today, as the Rev. John Wright found in using the King James Bible at a service at St. Cuthman's Church, Brighton.

"The readers were the mayor and the (member of Parliament), both of whom we would have thought to be well educated men, but they both complained that the readings were obscure and difficult to understand," Wright said.

The Rev. Stephen Kerr, who serves eight churches in Worcestershire, prefers modern versions, but does not argue with those devoted to King James. "If that is the way God is speaking to them, I don't want to interfere," he said.

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Does the King James Bible speak to a new generation? Some educators in Britain complain that their students could not tell Adam from Eve. Thus they miss the influence of the English Bible, and specifically the King James,

when they read John Milton or Herman Melville, or the "I have a dream" speech in which Martin Luther King Jr. quoted, almost exactly, from the King James Version of Isaiah: "Every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low."

'Hurt Locker' team plans film on bin Laden hunt

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The filmmakers behind the war-on-terror drama "The Hurt Locker" are moving forward with an action thriller about the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

Director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal have had the bin Laden project in the works, and now that the al-Qaida leader has been

killed, a person close to the filmmakers said Monday that the film is more relevant than ever.

The as-yet-untitled film will center on the Black Ops pursuit of bin Laden, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to talk about the project's status.

U.S. forces have hunted bin Laden since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks nearly 10 years ago. A team of Navy SEALs shot and killed bin Laden early Monday at a compound in Pakistan.

Bigelow declined to comment about the project, according to Susan Ciccone, a spokeswoman for the director.

"The Hurt Locker," which centered on a U.S. bomb-disposal unit in Iraq, won best picture at the Academy Awards last year and earned the best-directing Oscar for Bigelow, the first woman to receive that honor.

The film won a total of six Oscars, including the prize for original screenplay for Boal.

Obama wants to restore belief in American dream

CHICAGO (AP)—Barack Obama says he wants to be the president who restores people's belief in the American dream.

In an interview taped last week, Obama also expresses disappointment over sharp-edged Washington politics and his failure to soften it as he promised to do. He complains that life inside "the bubble" of the presidency is depriving him of precious, memorable moments with his growing daughters.

Meanwhile, daughter Malia has to start doing laundry, her mother said.

Obama and his wife, Michelle, revealed these tidbits on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" during an interview they granted to help a friend and major political supporter close out her top-rated, syndicated program on a high note after a quarter-century on the air.

It was the first time a sitting president and first lady have appeared together on the show, which Winfrey has said will end May 25. Taped last week at Winfrey's Chicago studio, the interview was broadcast nationally Monday.

Asked what he wants his legacy to be if he is re-elected next year, Obama said he wants people to feel that opportunity is there for



them if they work hard and do the right things. He said there's a general sense that the American dream is "slipping away."

Obama sat for the interview hours after releasing a detailed version of his Hawaiian birth

certificate in a bid to end distracting speculation, fueled by prospective Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, over whether Obama is U.S.-born.

Obama said the controversy is an example of the blurring be-

tween politics and entertainment, as "carnival barkers" seek attention by calling on him to show his birth certificate to prove he is a citizen and therefore constitutionally qualified to hold office.

"Reality TV is seeping into

how we think about our politics," Obama said in the interview.

While he has described the clamor for his birth certificate

as "silliness," he said stories he hears about people's fears of losing their homes or unsuccessful efforts to find a job are not funny.

Study: Ancient 'Nutcracker Man' really ate grass

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nutcracker Man didn't eat nuts after all. After a half-century of referring to an ancient pre-human as "Nutcracker Man" because of his large teeth and powerful jaw, scientists now conclude that he actually chewed grasses instead.

The study "reminds us that in paleontology, things are not always as they seem," commented Peter S. Ungar, chairman of anthropology at the University of Arkansas.

The new report, by Thure E. Cerling of the University of Utah and colleagues, is published in Tuesday's edition of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Cerling's team analyzed the carbon in the enamel of 24 teeth from 22 individuals who lived in East Africa between 1.4 million and 1.9 million years ago. One type of carbon is produced from tree leaves, nuts and fruit, another from grasses and grass-like plants called sedges.

It turns out that the early human known as *Paranthropus boisei* did not eat nuts but dined more heavily on grasses than any other human ancestor or human relative studied to date. Only an extinct species of grass-eating baboon ate more, they said.

"That was not at all what we were expecting," Cerling said in a telephone interview. Scientists will need to rethink the ways our ancient relatives were using resources, he said.

Added co-author Matt Sponheimer of the University of Colorado: "Frankly, we didn't



This undated handout photo provided by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences shows the casts of two palates demonstrating the large size of the teeth of *Paranthropus boisei* (left), an early human relative that lived in East Africa between 2.3 million and 1.2 million years ago and is known as Nutcracker Man.

expect to find the primate equivalent of a cow dangling from a remote twig of our family tree."

The skull of *Paranthropus* was discovered by Mary and Louis Leakey in 1959 at Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania, and helped put the Leakeys on the world stage. Their daughter-in-law, Maeve Leakey, is a co-author of the paper.

Cerling said much of the previous work on Nutcracker Man was based on the size, shape and wear of the teeth. His team analyzed bits of tooth removed with a drill and the results were completely different, Cerling said.

"It stands to reason that other conclusions about other species also will require revi-

sions," he said.

Ungar, who was not part of the research team, suggested in 2007 the possibility that Nutcracker Man human ate grasses, based on tooth wear.

"The big, flat molars, heavily buttressed skull, and large, powerful chewing muscles of *Paranthropus boisei* scream 'nut cracker,' and that is exactly what this species has been called for more than half a century," he said via email. "But science demands that our interpretations be tested."

With carbon analysis, the researchers take us "one step closer to understanding the diets of these fascinating hominins," Ungar said.

"This is a very important

paper ... because people have traditionally felt that the teeth of *boisei* were incapable of processing foods like grasses," added biology professor Mark Teaford of Johns Hopkins University.

Cerling said it took some convincing to get the tooth samples for drilling from the National Museum of Kenya.

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Charlie Sheen tours tornado damage in Ala.; eyes benefit

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.

(AP)—Actor Charlie Sheen toured an Alabama neighborhood leveled by tornadoes and said Monday he wants to organize a relief event for victims in the state.

After going through the decimated Alberta City neighborhood in Tuscaloosa, Sheen told The Associated Press he was working with local officials to organize a benefit. He said a date has not been set.

"I want to bring some money, hope, faith and healing to the area," said Sheen, the former star of the sitcom "Two and a Half Men."

Sheen was fired from the show in March and has been in a bitter dispute with executive producer Chuck Lorre and Warner Bros. Television. Since then, he's launched a stage tour that has captured attention.

The actor, wearing a University of Alabama baseball cap, said he decided to visit after receiving an invitation via Twitter from a University of Alabama student. David Harris of Mobile had asked in a tweet April 30 if he would be willing to perform a relief show in Alabama, Sheen said.

Sheen spent the day in Tuscaloosa meeting with storm victims and first responders. He posed for photographs with police officers and National Guard soldiers, accompanied by one of his so-called goddesses—marijuana magazine model Natalie Kenly—and former major league baseball player Todd Zeile.

"Little personal items mean so much in this kind of devastation," Sheen said.

Sheen posted a photo Monday on Twitter showing the wreckage of a home with a message: "I'm in Tuscaloosa. It's beyond words. Info coming soon on how you can all help."

Trial of Michael Jackson doctor delayed until Sept.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The long-awaited trial of the doctor charged in Michael Jackson's drug death was delayed Monday for four months, with a judge saying defense lawyers needed additional preparation time to effectively represent their client.

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor said he was more concerned with justice for Dr. Conrad Murray than with the speed of the proceedings.

Murray, who had insisted on a speedy trial, waived that right and agreed to start jury selection anew on Sept. 8. Lawyers estimated opening statements would begin Sept. 20.

Attorneys for Murray filed a motion Sunday complaining about the last-minute addition of expert witnesses to the prosecution case and saying they needed at least two weeks to find experts of their own and have them prepare reports.

They also are trying to get raw footage from Jackson's posthumous concert movie, "This Is It." Prosecutors plan to use clips to show Jackson was in good health just before he died.

Pastor said he did not think two weeks was sufficient for the defense to accomplish its goals.

Prospective jurors who filled out questionnaires and were to return to court Tuesday will be thanked and told their services are no



Murray

longer needed, the judge said.

"The court is very mindful of judicial efficiency and the expense that has occurred in this case," Pastor said. "But first and foremost is justice ... The continuance in this case is absolutely essential."

Pastor said he didn't like the idea of picking a new jury but said it was "preferable to having this continuing drama."

Deputy District Attorney David Walgren said he had no objection to a delay. He had been urging a later start date all along.

Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter. He is accused of negligence in administering the hospital anesthetic propofol to Jackson in his home. The superstar singer died June 25, 2009, of an overdose of propofol coupled with other sedatives.

The Murray defense has posed the theory that Jackson, who was desperate for sleep, swallowed more propofol than the doctor gave him. The drug normally is administered intravenously.

The prosecution presented new reports last week from two experts who say it's impossible to overdose by taking the drug orally because it would not be absorbed into the intestines.

Murray, who had been adamant about wanting a trial within 60 days of his preliminary hearing, was asked by the judge if he was giving up that right to allow his lawyers to effectively represent him.

"Yes," Murray said. "I believe it's in the best interest of all parties."

"But do you feel it is in your best interest?" asked the judge.

"Yes," said the defendant.

Pastor said he planned to keep the case "on a short leash" and set a progress hearing on June 3.

Sheen to donate \$20,000 to Giants fan beaten in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Charlie Sheen says he will donate \$20,000 in profits and donations from a San Francisco show to the Giants fan who was severely beaten outside Dodgers Stadium.

Sheen's publicist Barry Klarberg says Monday the donation to Bryan Stow consists of \$9,000 in merchandise profits from Saturday night's show and \$4,000 in audience donations. Sheen matched

the audience donations and added \$3,000 more for the sum.

Klarberg says Sheen was saddened by the attack on Stow on March 31. The paramedic and Giants fan was placed into a medical-

ly induced coma after the beating.

Sheen is an avid baseball fan and has drawn cheers for sporting the hometown ball club's jersey in cities on his "Violent Torpedo of Truth" tour.

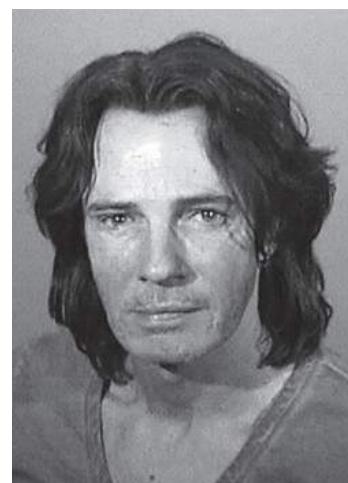
Rick Springfield arrested

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rick Springfield has been released from jail after being arrested by sheriff's deputies Sunday night on suspicion of drunken driving. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department says in a news release the rocker was stopped around 8 p.m. after a deputy spotted him speeding in his 1963 Corvette on Pacific Coast Highway.

The department states a test showed Springfield's blood-alcohol content was .10 percent, which is over the .08 limit in which a percent is presumed to be drunk.

The singer was released Monday around 2 a.m. and is due in a courtroom in Malibu for a first appearance on July 5.

A phone message for Springfield's publicist Kim Jackwerth was not immediately returned.



In this police booking mug provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on Monday, May 2, 2011, entertainer Rick Springfield is shown after his arrest on suspicion of driving under the influence, in Malibu, Calif., on Sunday, May 1, 2011. AP

Reality TV star Flavor Flav arrested in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Police in Las Vegas say rapper and reality television star Flavor Flav was arrested on four outstanding misdemeanor warrants for driving offenses.

Las Vegas police Officer Marcus Martin said Monday the entertainer whose real name is William Jonathan Drayton was arrested Friday night after a traffic stop east of the Las Vegas Strip.

Martin says Drayton had two outstanding warrants for driving without a license, one for driving without insurance and one related to a parking citation.

Martin says Drayton is no longer in custody.

It wasn't immediately clear whether he had a lawyer or when he is due in court.

Flavor Flav was a member of Public Enemy, and has remained



In this police booking mug released Monday, May 2, 2011 by the Las Vegas Police Department, rapper and reality television star Flavor Flav is shown after his arrest on Friday, April 29, 2011, on four outstanding misdemeanor warrants for driving offenses.

in the spotlight in recent years through appearances on several cable reality shows.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Black Eyed Peas to give free NYC concert in June

NEW YORK (AP)—Get ready to party with the Black Eyed Peas—for free. The six-time Grammy-winning group will hold a free concert in New York City's Central Park on June 9. The show—dubbed "Concert 4 NYC"—will benefit the Robin Hood Foundation, a charity targeting poverty in NYC. Although the show is free, concertgoers must have tickets to enter. More than 50,000 tickets are available through an online giveaway. VIP tickets will also be sold online. Robin Hood's partnership with the multiplatinum foursome includes funding to launch three Peapod Academies. The school is an arts center for teenagers started by the Black Eyed Peas.

Fighting words: Melissa Leo memoir due out in 2013

NEW YORK (AP)—Melissa Leo is working on a memoir, and it won't be pretty. The Academy Award-winning actress has a deal Simon & Schuster for a "gutsy" book about her life, from her troubled childhood to her "stormy breakup" with actor John Heard. Simon & Schuster an-

nounced Monday that it plans a 2013 release for the memoir, currently untitled. Leo won an Oscar for her performance as the fierce matriarch in "The Fighter." Her other films include "Frozen River" and "21 Grams."

178 Freedom Riders to be on 'Oprah Winfrey Show'

CHICAGO (AP)—Oprah Winfrey is marking the 50th anniversary of the first Freedom Ride. Harpo Productions says 178 former Freedom Riders will be on Wednesday's episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in one of the largest gatherings of Freedom Riders since 1961. The riders peacefully opposed 1960s racial segregation of the South. Winfrey says she owes "a deep debt of gratitude" to the Freedom Riders. She says she knows her "life would be different were it not for them." Guests on the show are to include U.S. Rep. John Lewis of Georgia and John Seigenthaler, who was assistant to then-U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy. Both men were beaten during the civil rights movement. The episode is to be among Winfrey's last. "The Oprah Winfrey Show" ends May 25 after 25 years.

Free advice kit for moms is chock-full of helpful tips

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: As children come to their mothers to mend their scraped knees and broken hearts, readers in turn come to you for advice that can mend fractured relationships and save lives.

Knowing how much mothers everywhere value your wisdom, the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Women's Health and the Federal Citizen Information Center have created the Healthy Moms Advice Kit for your readers. It's filled with practical tips on topics such as hay fever, recognizing and conquering depression, keeping food safe, discovering the real differences between name brand and generic drugs and—every mom's dream—learning the secrets of getting a good night's sleep.

Abby, thanks for letting your readers know about the free Healthy Moms Advice Kit, and for being someone we always know we can trust to steer us to the answers we need.

MARSHA HENDERSON,
FDA ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH (ACTING)

DEAR MARSHA: I'm pleased to help you educate readers on these important topics. Every year when I review the advance copies of your kits, I learn something new—which is why I know they will be helpful to others.

Folks, this year's free smorgasbord of information contains helpful advice on such topics as how to avoid getting sick from restaurant take-out foods, medications and products to avoid during pregnancy, and an enlightening fact sheet on HPV (human papillomavirus), a sexually transmitted disease that, left untreated, can lead to cervical cancer. Did you know that vaccination with Gardasil can help prevent four types of HPV? I didn't. And no, you CAN'T get HPV from the vaccine.

Because all the information in these kits has been compiled by the government at taxpayer expense, it's offered at no cost to you. However, quantities are limited, so don't wait. Order now. To receive the kits in printed form, send your name and address to Healthy Moms Advice Kit, Pueblo, CO 81009, go online to Publications.USA.gov, or call (888) 8-PUEBLO (that's (888) 878-3256) weekdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time. You can also read the publications online in PDF format, download them to your computer and print them.

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DEAR ABBY: I had an affair a few years ago that lasted a lot longer than it should have. It ended when my lover, "John," died unexpectedly. The kicker is I was—and still am—married. For the last two years I had wanted to end the relationship, but I couldn't find the courage to do it on my own.

My question is, should I feel guilty for feeling glad that John is dead? I'm glad the affair is finally over, but I feel guilty that death is what ended it and that I didn't have the courage to end it myself.

CONFICTED IN SANTA ROSA

DEAR CONFICTED: I don't think you're feeling "glad" as much as you're relieved that John is finally out of your life—even if it was feet first. As to your guilt about not ending the affair, that's something between you, your religious adviser and your higher power. You'll have to work it out with one of them, and I'm advising you to start now.

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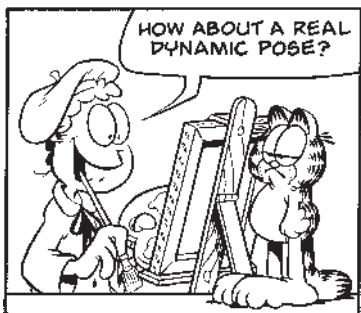
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Solution time: 21 mins.



Yesterday's answer 5-4

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Lance Bass, 32; Will Arnett, 41; Ana Gasteyer, 44; Randy Travis, 52

Happy Birthday: Fast and furious will be the flavor this year. You'll have to choose your projects carefully. A tight, well-thought-out schedule will not only be necessary but will suit your lifestyle best. The better balanced you are, the more successful you'll be. Your numbers are 4, 11, 17, 23, 26, 35, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Overload is normal for you and, although you aren't happy unless you are running around in a frenzy, focus more on what truly needs to get done. Pay attention to your emotional, mental and physical well-being. Romance is in the stars. ☀★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your concern with financial security for you and your family will prompt you to find out more about investment opportunities. Small business ventures can pay off if you start small and let your idea grow naturally. ☀★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Branch out and discover new people and places. A change in your regular routine will help you recognize what you want to do next. Taking part in events geared toward a cause you believe in will lead you to someone who can help you advance. ☀★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stop clinging to the past. Get rid of negative energy and the people who don't treat you properly. It's time to stand up for your rights and to

follow a path that is geared toward your advancement. ☀★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on work, applying for a new job or working toward advancement where you are currently working. You need a change so don't be reluctant to apply for a position that entails a geographical move. An unexpected opportunity will revive your hope for a better future. ☀★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Acceptance and moderation will be required. Don't jump to conclusions or let your emotions take over. Loss is likely if you don't protect your possessions and your cash. You'll regret an impulsive response you made. ☀★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love will play a role in your life today. You will attract attention wherever you go, so be careful not to lead someone on. The potential to come into money due to a rebate, surrender, or a win is in the stars. ☀★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Use your imagination to decorate or renovate your home but don't go over budget. Emotional issues regarding money and someone you are close to could develop. A change can be good but it doesn't have to break the bank. ☀★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take advantage of the opportunities that allow you to alter your living space or get involved in a social group where you can network freely. Your self-confidence will persuade someone to take a chance on a proposal you make. ☀★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your thoughts to yourself. Arguments will be a waste of time. Colleagues are not likely to agree with whatever choice you make. Do your own thing and stick close to those you can trust to not jeopardize your position or your future. ☀★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hooking up with an old friend or changing the way you do things will keep you busy and stir up old memories and ambitions. Expect someone to disapprove of what you do or who you are with. Evaluate your motives. ☀★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Refrain from letting your emotions rule. Put your time and energy into what counts and you will attract the help you need to get your plans up and running. A practical approach will convince others to take part. ☀★★★

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Mavs rally to stun Lakers in Game 1



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Even after the Los Angeles Lakers blew a 16-point lead in the second half, Kobe Bryant had two chances in the final seconds to erase the Dallas Mavericks' big comeback with yet another game-winning shot.

Bryant and Pau Gasol fumbled away the Lakers' first opportunity before Bryant just plain missed his last shot, allowing Dirk Nowitzki and his tenacious Mavs to take an early second-round series lead.

Nowitzki scored 28 points and hit two go-ahead free throws with 19.5 seconds left before Gasol and Bryant made a crucial turnover, and the Mavericks rallied for a 96-94 victory in Game 1 on Monday night.

"You've got to make plays, and you've got to dodge some bullets," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "We did both."

Nowitzki had 14 rebounds for the Mavericks, who steadily erased a huge third-quarter deficit before the dramatic finish to the perennial playoff teams' first postseason meeting in 23 years.

Bryant scored 21 of his 36 points in the second half for the Lakers, but he fell down under defensive pressure from Jason Kidd while trying to get the ball from Gasol with 5 seconds to play. After one free throw by Kidd, Bryant missed a catch-and-shoot 3-pointer off the back rim just before the buzzer.

Game 2 is Wednesday night at Staples Center.

Gasol had 15 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists for the second-seeded Lakers, who lost their second straight series opener. Their loss to New Orleans two weeks ago was much more surprising than this loss to the playoff-tested Mavs, but the Lakers' lack of poise down the stretch should be scary to anybody anticipating a threepeat.

"We felt like we gave the game away," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "I'm not so sure Dallas didn't outplay us, but the players felt like we gave it away. ... The game was won in the third quarter when we got the lead and stopped playing defense and stopped playing offense. It took a lot of energy out of us and gave a lot of energy to them."

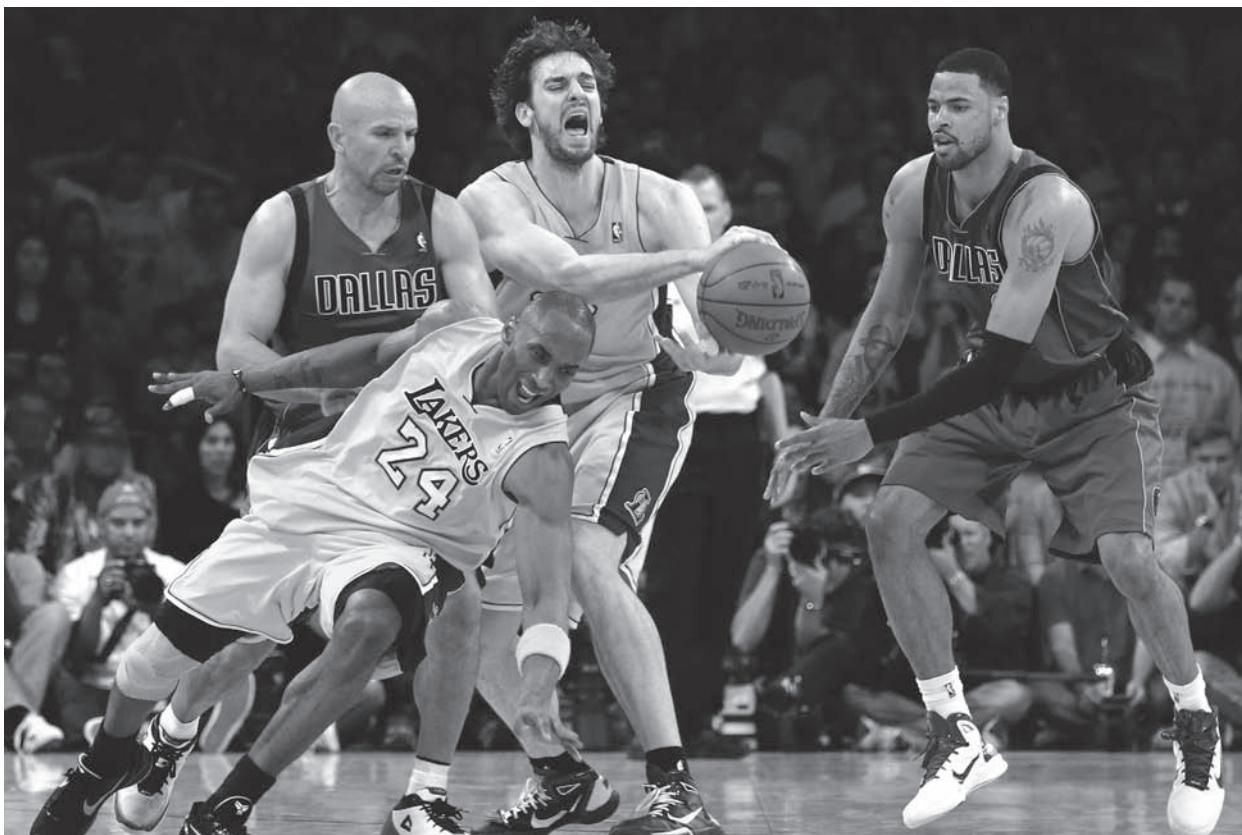
The Mavericks trailed 92-87 with 3:32 to play, but finished on a 9-2 run—showing all the late-game tenacity that's expected of Bryant and the two-time defending champions.

"We did well, but I think we can do better," said Shawn Marion, who scored 10 points for Dallas. "Is there anybody that knows we play good D?"

Lamar Odom scored 15 points for Los Angeles, which nursed a small lead throughout the second half into the final minute. Nowitzki scored in the lane with 40 seconds left to trim the deficit to 94-93, and after Jason Terry swiped the ball from Bryant, Gasol fouled Nowitzki on the Mavericks' inbounds play, allowing the 7-footer to give Dallas its first lead since the second quarter.

Terry added 15 points to lead a dominant bench effort for Dallas, which struggled on the boards and in the paint before the comeback.

The Mavericks too often settled for jumpers early on, and they lost their cool with 90 seconds left in the first half after offsetting technical fouls for



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant (24) and Pau Gasol turn the ball over while defended by Dallas Mavericks' Jason Kidd, left, and Tyson Chandler during the second half in Game 1 of a second-round NBA playoff basketball series Monday, May 2, 2011, in Los Angeles.

Gasol and Tyson Chandler, who jawed all the way down the court after jockeying for rebounding position. The Lakers leaped to a 53-44 halftime lead with four points in the final 0.7 seconds, thanks to an ill-advised foul by Terry and a technical foul on Nowitzki.

Dallas made a 20-6 run shortly after falling behind 60-44 in the third quarter, but Bryant single-handedly kept the Lakers ahead with 12 consecutive points.

"I know we got that crazy last minute there, but we've got to come out in the second half and play better," said Andrew Bynum, who managed eight points and five rebounds for Los Angeles.

Both teams finished the regular season with 57 victories, but Los An-

geles won two of three in their series, including a blowout victory March 31 that was marred by several ejections. Matt Barnes was suspended for getting involved in a confrontation between Steve Blake and Terry, who appeared to shove Blake to the court after a foul.

Hawks 103, Bulls 95

In Chicago, the Atlanta Hawks stared down Superman and they weren't blinking against the Bulls, either.

Joe Johnson scored 34 points and Atlanta beat top-seeded Chicago 103-95 on Monday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

As if the loss itself wasn't bad enough, the Bulls got a scare when Derrick Rose came up limping after he turned his left ankle at the end of

the game. Their MVP—yes, MVP—stepped on Jamal Crawford's foot as he dribbled out the final seconds and was helped off by teammates and a trainer.

A person familiar with the situation confirmed reports Monday night that Rose is the winner, making him the league's youngest MVP and only the second Bull along with Michael Jordan to win the award.

That announcement is expected Tuesday, with the presentation at Game 2 on Wednesday. If the Bulls keep playing like this, that could be their final appearance at the United Center, particularly if Rose is limited.

"I should be OK," he said. "I'll probably get treatment right now, go home, get some more treatment and be ready to go for Wednesday."

The Hawks went on a 15-2 run that bridged the third and fourth quarters to turn a 69-65 deficit into an 80-71 lead with 10:27 remaining.

Johnson scored eight points during that stretch, and the Hawks hung on.

Johnson was brilliant, hitting 12 of 18 shots and all five 3-point attempts. Crawford scored 22 points, and Jeff Teague added 10 while starting at the point for the injured Kirk Hinrich and wound up getting the game ball from coach Larry Drew.

"We're the team that nobody talks about," Crawford said.

Well, this is a good way to get them talking—shoot 51.3 percent against one of the league's stingiest defenses and take a series opener.

As alarming as all that was for the Bulls, though, the sight of Rose limping off sent a real shiver through Chicago.

"It's tough when your best player is limping off the court with an injury that you know he's had before," center Joakim Noah said. "It's tough, but right now, we have a game on Wednesday in less than 48 hours."

Rose twisted the same ankle in the opening round against Indiana, but even before he limped off the court, this certainly wasn't his best night.

He scored 24 points, but he was just 11 of 27 from the field and did not attempt a free throw.

Luol Deng scored 21 points for Chicago while Carlos Boozer added 14 points and eight rebounds despite a turf toe injury on his right foot. But it was a rough night overall for the Bulls—particularly on defense.

"The intensity wasn't right," coach Tom Thibodeau said. "The start of the game was poor in terms of ball direction, in terms of challenging shots, in terms of showing help. There wasn't one aspect of the defense that was good. They're too good of a team to play like that."

NBA's Kings staying put for at least 1 more season

By JOSH DUBOW and BERNIE WILSON
AP SPORTS WRITERS

The Kings and the NBA gave Sacramento one last chance to prove it deserves to be an NBA city.

Now it's up to Mayor Kevin Johnson and the business community to come up with a viable plan for a new arena after so many failed attempts in the past.

"This is one of the proudest moments of my life because the community believed when no one else did," Johnson said Monday. "We kept believing. And if you believe, anything is possible."

The decision by the Maloof family to keep their team in Sacramento rather than apply for relocation to Anaheim, Calif., is only temporary. Co-owner Joe Maloof and NBA Commissioner David Stern made clear that the team will leave after next season if an arena plan is not in place.

"We spent 13 years and millions of dollars to try to get an arena built," Maloof said. "We don't have the answer. The mayor has the answers and we're willing and able to listen. He's got to have a plan. We never want to be untruthful to the fans of Sacramento. There is a sense of urgency, and that's up to

Mayor Johnson and his political team."

Stern praised Johnson, a former NBA All-Star, for his Herculean effort at mobilizing the community to keep the team. Stern's support for another chance for Sacramento is a far cry from his stance during the All-Star break in February, when he said the league would spend no more time trying to get an arena built in California's capital city.

At that point, the Kings' departure seemed almost inevitable. But after two extensions of a March 1 deadline for relocation, and Johnson's efforts to arrange \$10 million in sponsorship pledges from the corporate community, the city gets another chance.

Stern said he is sending a team of nine league officials to Sacramento this week to assist with marketing, tickets and the arena.

"We're going to put all of our efforts in Sacramento and make it happen and make it succeed," Stern said. "But if it can't and this becomes yet the fifth or sixth or seventh, it will be the last as far as we're concerned, for an effort in regards to an arena. I pledged support for a move to another market."

A feasibility study for a new arena

in Sacramento is scheduled to be completed later this month. There has always been a divide between Kings fans and the broader public on how to finance a facility.

Four California lawmakers, including the leader of the state Senate, sent a letter to Stern last week pledging to work with local leaders over the next year to try to build a sports and performing arts complex to replace the Kings' outdated arena.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, a Democrat from Sacramento, said he would use his clout to make sure his district gets its share of state bond money that could go to build the complex.

"We came away with a strong sense that this was worth the additional year because it seemed to us to be so important to the leaders of Sacramento that they would not allow the opportunity to pass without getting it done," Stern said.

Sacramento was once a thriving NBA franchise that produced sellout streaks of 497 and 354 straight games. The building formerly known as Arco Arena provided one of the most notorious home-court advantages in the

league, a place where fans clanked cowbells so loud opposing coaches and players pleaded to have the noise-makers banned.

The Kings won an NBA-best 61 games in the 2001-02 season behind Chris Webber and Vlade Divac, losing to the eventual champion Lakers in the Western Conference finals at home in a decisive Game 7.

Sacramento, with budget deficits and heavy job losses during the economic downturn, has turned down initiatives for years to contribute public dollars to replace or upgrade the aging arena.

"If we want to be a major league city, you have to have major league facilities," Johnson said. "And what you saw happen today and over the last couple of weeks, is the community stepped up and said we can make big things happen."

If Johnson's plan doesn't come to fruition, Anaheim could once again be an option for the Kings next year with the Honda Center and its luxury suites waiting in Orange County.

Anaheim's City Council already issued the bonds needed to entice the Kings to move, but the Maloofs decided to give Sacramento one more chance.

Bin Laden death draws reaction across sports world

WASHINGTON (AP)—Before the top of the fourth inning on Military Appreciation Night at Nationals Park, the public address announcer encouraged everyone at the baseball stadium to cheer for the active or retired members of the service who were in the stands Monday, recipients of free tickets.

As Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" blared through the ballpark, and the message "Thank You for Your Service and Sacrifice" dominated the HD scoreboard, a group of military personnel seated a few rows behind home plate waved their red Nationals baseball caps.

Thousands of fans rose to applaud. Members of the Nationals, spread around the diamond, preparing to play defense—and wearing what the team called "patriotic" uniforms, with stars-and-stripes curly "Ws" on the chests of their blue jerseys—provided their own standing ovation. The World Series champion San Francisco Giants stood in the visiting dugout and bullpen, clapping, too.

Talk about a coincidence: Less than 24 hours after President Barack Obama announced that terrorist leader Osama bin Laden was killed by U.S. forces in Pakistan, the Nationals honored the military—an event the team said it began planning in the offseason and announced to the public a week ago.

"That's amazing, the way the timing worked out for that," Nationals manager Jim Riggleman said before the game. "Really a great opportunity for our fans ... to honor our military vets and wounded warriors. Those who are here tonight are going to be beaming with pride about what took place last night."

As part of Military Appreciation Night, military personnel were allowed to receive up to four free tickets; a member of the Army threw out the ceremonial first pitch; a member of the Navy sang the National Anthem; two red Coast Guard helicopters did a flyover before first pitch; and other uniformed military personnel jogged out as if to play defense position before being joined by the real ballplayers.

In addition to meeting baseball players, some members of the military in attendance also got to shake hands with NASCAR driver Kyle Busch, who was at the stadium.

"It's funny how things work out sometimes: The day after we take down one of the biggest individual terrorists in the world, we can come out here and kind of celebrate it," Washington pitcher Tyler Clippard said. "For it to fall on the day after is sort of ironic."

While Washington's players are used to being in the nation's capital, of course, the Giants were excited to be in town—they toured the Supreme Court before Monday's game. After playing four games in Washington at a historic time, they now open a three-game series at the New York Mets on Tuesday.

"We're in our nation's capital here, and we get that kind of news, and now we're off to New York—Ground Zero," San Francisco pitcher Brian Wilson said. "It's going to be quite an emotional week for a lot of people—baseball being one of them, playing America's sport here."

In the wake of bin Laden's death, security was a prime concern.

The NBA told all playoff teams to check fans with metal detector wands as they entered. The policy was in effect as crowds came to the United Center in Chicago on Monday night for the



As fans clap for the troops, a fan holds up a bin Laden T-shirt during the second inning of a baseball game between the Washington Nationals and the San Francisco Giants, Monday, May 2, 2011, in Washington.

Eastern Conference semifinal opener between the Bulls and Atlanta.

Kristina Palacios of Chicago appreciated the extra measures, saying they "make you feel safe." Her boyfriend, John Comia, said the search was "quick and efficient."

NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly said the league had been "in contact with each of our remaining venues and they will be taking steps as they deem appro-

priate given the information we have."

Major League Baseball said it would continue working with its teams and local law enforcement "to monitor what's occurring on a day-to-day basis."

Salutes to the military poured in throughout the sports world.

"I think that the word 'heroes' are used far too often when you talk about athletes and actors," New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez

said. "The real heroes are out on the battlefields, protecting our well being, allowing us the opportunity to play baseball or take our daughters or kids to the park. They're the real heroes."

Tweeted tennis star Andy Roddick: "Words cannot do justice to the amount of thanks we should bestow upon those whose life mission it is to keep the world safe. Thank you."

Rory McIlroy, the 21-year-old golfer

from Northern Ireland, posted on Twitter: "Bye bye bin Laden!! Good ride—dance I say!!"

"The biggest thing I'm happy for is that the troops that were in there all came back in one piece. That's dangerous. That's the No. 1 thing," Atlanta Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez said.

All over ballparks and arenas, there were sights, signs and sounds it was an extraordinary day.

Pedroia's lengthy at-bat sparks Red Sox to win



BOSTON (AP)—

Dustin Pedroia fouled off nine of 13 pitches against Jered Weaver before lining a go-ahead, two-run single that helped the Boston Red Sox beat the Los Angeles Angels 9-5 on Monday.

The loss was Weaver's first of the season. Weaver (6-1) scratched Sunday due to a stomach virus, gave up three runs, six hits, struck out six and walked one over six innings. He failed to become the first pitcher since 1891 to go 7-0 by May 2 or sooner. Sadie McMahon of the Baltimore Orioles from the American Association was the last to open 7-0 by the second day of May.

Adrian Gonzalez had a three-run double and Clay Buchholz (2-3) pitched 6 2-3 solid innings for the win.

Yankees 5, Tigers 3

At Detroit, Nick Swisher hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning off closer Jose Valverde as New York handed Detroit its seventh straight defeat.

The Tigers rallied from a 3-0 deficit, tying it in the seventh on Alex Avila's second solo home run of the night, but the Yankees broke through in their last at-bat against Valverde (2-1). With runners on first and second and one out, Swisher singled up the middle and Mark Teixeira scored from second with a slide. Alex Rodriguez added another run when he scored from third on a passed ball by Avila.

White Sox 6, Orioles 2

At Chicago, Paul Konerko homered twice and Mark Buehrle pitched 6 2-3

scoreless innings to help Chicago beat Baltimore and snap a five-game slide.

Konerko hit a two-run home run and a solo shot for the White Sox, who won only their fourth in 19 games to avoid a four-game sweep.

Juan Pierre had an RBI single and Alex Rios added a solo homer to help the White Sox end a seven-game home skid with their first win at U.S. Cellular Field since April 12.

Buehrle (2-3) scattered eight hits, walked four and struck out four.

Athletics 5, Rangers 4, 10 innings

At Oakland, California, Hideki Matsui hit the first pitch of the 10th inning from Darren Oliver into the right-field seats for a game-winning home run that lifted Oakland to a victory over Texas.

Grant Balfour (2-1) walked three batters in the top of the 10th to load the bases for pinch-hitter Yorvit Torrealba, who struck out swinging on the right-hander's 30th pitch.

Josh Willingham hit a tying home run leading off the eighth against Texas reliever Arthur Rhodes, and the A's took three of four from the reigning AL champions.

Nationals 2, Giants 0

At Washington, Tom Gorzelanny allowed only three hits in eight sharp innings against a struggling San Francisco lineup, and Michael Morse and Jerry Hairston Jr. drove in runs for Washington to help the Nationals beat the Giants.

Gorzelanny (1-2) hadn't lasted eight

innings in a game since Aug. 12, 2007, when he threw a shutout for the Pittsburgh Pirates against the Giants.

Drew Storen pitched the ninth for his sixth save in six chances, closing out a game that took just 2 hours, 2 minutes—the fastest nine-inning game in the majors this season, according to STATS LLC.

Madison Bumgarner (0-5) retired Washington's first 12 batters and didn't allow an earned run but wound up with the loss because of two unearned runs in the seventh, his last inning. He allowed four hits.

The World Series champions were shut out for the third time in their last six games, including twice during this series, when Washington took three of four.

Dodgers 5, Cubs 2

At Los Angeles, Andre Ethier extended his hitting streak to 28 games with an infield single that capped a three-run fifth inning for Los Angeles.

Clayton Kershaw (3-3) pitched seven innings, allowing two runs and eight hits, including Alfonso Soriano's major league-leading 11th homer leading off the seventh. The 23-year-old left-hander struck out four and did not walk a batter for the first time in seven starts this season.

Vicente Padilla pitched a perfect eighth and Jonathan Broxton did likewise in the ninth for his sixth save in seven attempts.

Ethier, halfway to the record 56-game streak Joe DiMaggio had in 1941, is three games shy of the Dodgers' franchise record, set by Willie Da-

vis in 1969.

Marlins 6, Cardinals 5

At St. Louis, Mike Stanton hit a tying home run in the fifth inning, and tripled and scored the go-ahead run in the eighth to lift Florida past St. Louis.

Gaby Sanchez ended Kyle Lohse's 22-inning scoreless inning streak with his first grand slam, also Florida's major league-leading third of the year. Edward Mujica (3-1) allowed a walk in two scoreless innings and Leo Nunez finished for his 10th save in 10 tries after the Cardinals put two men on in the ninth.

The Marlins improved to 18-9—the franchise's best start—and are tied with the Phillies for the NL East lead.

Mitchell Boggs (0-2) allowed Stanton's triple in the eighth to take the loss.

Braves 6, Brewers 2

At Atlanta, Alex Gonzalez hit a three-run double as Atlanta finally solved Yovani Gallardo in a win over Milwaukee.

David Ross homered in the third inning before the Braves chased Gallardo (2-2) in the sixth. Gonzalez cleared the bases with his double before scoring on a single by Nate McLouth.

Gallardo began the day 3-0 with a 0.96 ERA in five career starts against Atlanta, including a two-hit shutout in a 1-0 win April 5 at Milwaukee. The four runs he allowed in the sixth matched his total over 37 1-3 innings in his first five starts against the Braves.

Jair Jurrjens (3-0) gave up two runs and seven hits with no walks in 7 2-3 innings.

HANMI Charity Golf Classic on June 4

One of the most highly anticipated annual golf tournaments in the Northern Mariana Islands is set to tee-off on June 4, as the 10th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament prepares to offer golfers the chance to win enticing prizes while supporting a good cause.

This year's tournament will be held at Coral Ocean Point Resort and will be open to the first 144 paid registrants. Cash and numerous in-kind prizes await the winners, and proceeds of the tournament will be contributed to community charities.

"We encourage all golfers to mark their calendars for the

10th HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament," said tournament chair Das Krishnan. "As in years past, we're looking forward to offering another round of enticing prizes both on the course and at our awards banquet raffle. Last year we had more interested golfers than available slots, so we encourage everyone to register early."

Registration forms will be available shortly at Coral Ocean Point, Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and Marianas Country Club. Early bird tournament fee is \$100 for

payments by June 1. The fee includes green fee and the awards banquet. The fee increases to \$120 on June 2. For an additional \$20, players may also compete for nearest to the pin, most accurate drive, and longest drive. The tournament will start at 7am.

The tournament features six categories—Championship Flight, A Flight, B Flight, C Flight, Seniors (55 years-and-over), and Ladies. Players in the Championship Flight must have 0-5 handicaps, while those in A Flight are 6-10 handicappers. The B Flight is for players with 11-17 handicap,

while C Flight are for players with handicap above 18.

First place winners of all flights will receive \$500 and a trophy and second place finishers will receive \$300 and a trophy; and third place winners will receive \$200 and a trophy. First place winners will also receive a hotel stay at a HANMI member hotel. Winners (champion, first runner up and second runner up) for the female golfers will be determined using the Double Peoria handicap system.

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Saipan, the Department of Public Safety bike patrol program, Crimestoppers, PAWS, the Chi-

natown skatepark, Saipan Marathon, and other community causes. (PR)

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Guerrero. Absent at the meeting were Leon Guerrero, managers representative Bernard Cabrera, and chief statistician A.J. Murig.

Four of the seven votes are needed to fill a vacancy in the board, while five of the seven votes are needed to remove a director from position, according to SLLBI bylaws.

Originally, SLLBI can elect nine board members, but only eight were voted in October. Then the board was down to seven when Guerrero resigned, thus four votes are enough for a majority choice and a quorum, according to Flores.

No quorum

Rogolifoi, however, said the election of Flores was invalid, as according to SLLBI Constitution, five board members are needed to constitute a quorum and for the league to conduct a transaction and meeting, such as the election of the new president.

Rogolifoi acknowledged that

four votes from the seven board members are needed to elect a new president. However, before an election could take place, five members should be present and agree to authorize such activity or any other transactions entered by the league.

When Rogolifoi was elected during the April 15 election, 15 to 16 individuals (managers or coaches) from the general membership were present and voted for him. This number is more than enough of the 1/4 general membership attendance needed to constitute a quorum and called for the election of the new president.

Stand of district and international officials

With this tug-of-war for the SLLBI presidency, acting CNMI district administrator Mike Borja, through CNMI district administrator James Ada, asked for Little League International's opinion on this issue.

Little League International vice president of operation Patrick Wilson said the first election stands, giving Flores the presidency based on the four

votes of the board members. *Saipan Tribune* interviewed Borja and Ada and both recognized Flores' leadership. Ada was in the Philippines for medical business when the power struggle issue started.

"We don't want to side with any group, that's why we consulted the Little League International to resolve this matter," Borja said.

The CNMI district needs to recognize only one official, as the district meet is just around the corner and while Tinian and Borja have no problems with their preparations for the tournament next month, Saipan has yet to move forward with its district meet bid due to its leadership problems.

Meanwhile, Rogolifoi said he will attend the SLLBI meeting scheduled last night to discuss the selection for the Saipan Junior All-Stars that will compete in the district tournament in Rota. Flores also told *Saipan Tribune* she will be at the meeting to oversee the selection.

Rogolifoi reiterated he is the elected SLLBI president and called for the early resolution of

this issue without the interference of outside groups.

"There are indeed problems confronting the SLLBI, a multitude of problems which I feel should be kept within the confines of the local organization for now until such time that the SLLBI board of directors set aside their differences and shift their focus to ensure that the remaining games are played out accordingly for the best interest of the kids who are truly the benefactors of this program," Rogolifoi said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

"If they refuse to do so, then it leaves me no choice but to go public with information regarding the wrongdoings and questionable transactions that had transpired since the beginning of this year's Little League program," he added.

The Saipan Little League is one of the most active sports programs in the CNMI, drawing about 500 kids every season. The program also gets annual funding from the government, as the CNMI also competes in the Asia Pacific Regional Tournament and World Series.

Yong Park scored in the 80th and 86th, respectively, to lift MP United to its fourth win. In the last match, KFAS broke the ice with Cho Jin Wook scoring in the 25th minute. Baek Du San then forced a 1-all deadlock, when Cui Jun Jie hit a goal in the 37th minute.

The first half ended with KFAS and Baek Du San still tied before a goal from Jeon Jeong Jin in the 57th minute helped KFAS win the game. Meanwhile, in the wom-

en's 11 aside league over at the CPA Field, Matansa, Shirley's, and Paire won their respective games over the weekend.

Paire played last Friday and shut out MP United. Patricia Coleman and Megan Herber scored one goal each for Paire.

In the first game last Saturday, Shirley's FC downed Tan Holdings, 5-1. Jeraldine Castillo canned twin goals for Shirley's, scoring in the third and 35th minute. Also making two goals for Shirley's was

a youth competition. The group fielded a team in last weekend's SAFE Jamboree/FIBA 3-on-3 Tournament at the Koblerville Basketball Court and the Lions ruled the U16 division of the youth competition. The Lions were composed of Jaymark Deguzman, Nevin Salem, Bryl Alegre, Ken Orojola, and Mark Villones, who are future members of the LEO Club, a

youth development program of the Lions Club. Rex Yabut coached the Lions.

Meanwhile, Saipan Marianas Lions Club thanked the following for ensuring the success of the clinic: Jess De Los Santos and Roger Talapian of Saipan Fil-Am Lions, Lions Ladyvir Canape, Joe Digno, Ruth Torrecampo of Saipan Unity and Lions Nel Atalig, Flor Miranda, Lolit Velas-

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six different players scored during the onslaught.

The 14 points from Randy Mungcal provided Brabu's only spark of offense in the first frame.

It was much of the same in the second half as Armatech stretched it out to a 70-38 lead after three quarters.

With the game well out of hand, Armatech ran up the score past the century mark in the final period.

Armatach's J.R. Ngeskebei led a handful of teammates in double digits with 23 points, while Mungcal turned in 21 in the loss.

In Saturday's second game, Island Flavor overpowered Cellular Pro, 75-65, behind the 27 points of Melvin Capalad.

Capalad went to work early, scoring 6 points to stake his team to 17-12 lead after the opening quarter.

Island Flavor then stretched its margin to 39-28 at halftime as Capalad led six other PTC players with eight points in the period.

Cellular Pro's Peter Lizama delivered 10 markers for his team in the first half.

Lizama and company battled back after the break, but still trailed 54-48 with just

a quarter to go. Lizama and Dick Tibayan combined for 12 markers in the rally.

In the end, Island Flavor's Capalad delivered 9 points at crunch time to help secure the win.

SUNDAY First Game

Blue Hauz 67 – Talania 26, Santos 15, Camacho 11, Tumacuip 9, Lisua 6.

Hot Shots 61 – Peredo 31, Barrios 17, Gulab 4, Irinaka 3, Libuw 2, Manalo 2, Park 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-18, 29-33, 44-41, 67-61.

Second Game

Armatach 102 – Ngeskebei 23, Esdrelon 17, Montano 17, Devero 14, Berline 11, Rebuyon 8, Moreno 7, Gabaldon 3, Macato 2.

Brabu 46 – Mungcal 21, Ito 14, Cortez 7, Detieu 2, Ocampos 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-9, 47-26, 70-38, 102-46.

SATURDAY

Island Flavor 74 – Capalad 27, Tamayo 10, Lauron 8, Tagle 8, Babauta 7, Reyes 6, Garon 4, Buniag 2, Dayrit 2.

Cell-Pro 65 – Lizama 17, Villacrusis 15, Tibayan 9, Bahillo 7, Dulfo 6, Loste 4, Mongami 2, Ajoste 2, Santos 2.

Scoring by Quarters: 17-12, 39-28, 54-48, 74-65.

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59th and 70th minute.

In the second game of the day, MP United had three players lighting up the scoreboard to hand Paire another loss.

Yim Jae Hyuck gave MP United a 1-0 lead after his goal in the 44th minute. Paire tied the match three minutes later off Lin Zhi Peng's goal. Both teams went cold for a long time before Dae Min Jeon and

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Tan Holdings' lone goal was courtesy of Lyvette Lacsina (39th minute).

In the second match, Matansa edged Independents, 2-1. Junior player Michiko Tenorio and Phalai Frink scored in the 35th and 52nd minute, respectively, for Matansa. Independents avoided a shutout loss when Catherine Perry made it to the scoreboard in the 55th minute.

co, Danny Cabio of Saipan Marianas Lions, Yabut, Boy Garcia, Ric Alejandro, Peter Crisostomo, referees Lito Salas, Arnold Mesa, Noel delos Santos, and Amor Casabuena, and event sponsors AON insurance and TSL Foundation. The club also acknowledged Guam Spirit LC, Guam Galaide LC, Guam Asia Pacific LC, Saipan Fil-Am, Saipan Unity, and Lions Nel Atalig, Flor Miranda, Lolit Velas-

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Max, Pacman, Morales, Pastor, GPPC, Fishermen, Civic Boys, and Cris Sinigang

The clinic and the Marianas Lions Club caging are two of some sports programs that the association will be supporting in the coming years. According to Madriaga, they will soon host

a youth competition.

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TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA PLAYOFF LEADERS

Scoring	G	FG	FT	PTS	Avg
Durant, OKC	6	60	56	195	32.5
Rose, CHI	5	39	52	138	27.6
Nowitzki, DAL	6	52	56	164	27.3
Howard, ORL	6	51	60	162	27.0
Anthony, NYK	4	33	29	104	26.0
Wade, MIA	6	53	39	149	24.8
Westbrook, OKC	6	49	42	148	24.7
James, MIA	6	46	46	143	23.8
Randolph, MEM	7	60	41	163	23.3
Allen, BOS	5	40	11	113	22.6
Bryant, LAL	6	45	38	135	22.5
Paul, NOR	6	42	39	132	22.0
Pierce, BOS	5	39	17	108	21.6
Granger, IND	5	43	14	108	21.6
Aldridge, POR	6	53	19	125	20.8
Ginobili, SAN	5	31	32	103	20.6
Crawford, ATL	6	40	26	123	20.5
Parker, SAN	6	43	31	118	

2011 Tan Holdings Mixed/Doubles Badminton Competition

Photos By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Cecille Obaldo serves, while Brendon Talania waits at the backline during their mixed C doubles game in the 2011 Tan Holdings Mixed/Doubles Badminton Competition at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.



Roger Vales serves, while Jojo Savellano looks on during their men's B doubles game.



Gary Bandoja makes a return near the net.



Maco Aguda leans back for a return.



Jaja Samonte stretches for a return, while teammate Marylyn Montano looks on.



Gigi Zapanta, right, and Cristy Villaflor in action in a women's B doubles game.



Jerome Malasarte serves, while Father Charlie Borja gets ready for the next play.



Marylyn Montano chases the shuttlecock at the right side.



Noelle Ong returns a low shot.



Hapi Gabriel bends to hit a low shot, which Malou Malasarte dodges.



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Little League mired in power struggle

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A power struggle is brewing in the Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc., as two are claiming the presidency of the association.

Former treasurer Annie Flores was elected president during an election attended by four members of the SLLBI Board on March 31, while Tony Rogolifo was elected during the general membership meeting on April 15.

The Saipan Little League needed to have a new president



after the resignation of Robert Guerrero, who was elected during the October election. Guerrero decided to focus on umpiring, so in his absence elected vice president Claudia Leon Guerrero was named acting president until such time the SLLBI filled the vacant position.



Flores

Rogolifo

Then on March 24, Flores, acting secretary and player agent Piding Tenorio, and umpire consultant requested Leon Guerrero to hold a meeting on March 31 for the selection of the new president. The meeting pushed through at McDonald's Middle Road in Chalan Lau-lau with only four of the seven board members attending.

Majority rules

Flores in a phone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday reiterated that she was the rightfully elected president of Saipan Little League after getting majority of the votes of the board of directors during their March 31 meeting.

According to the minutes of the meeting, the four board members unanimously voted to include the election for the vacant position in the new business and agenda of the meeting.

Flores was then nominated and got all four votes (including herself) from the present board members. Voting for Flores were Piding and Manny Tenorio, and safety officer Kelvin

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Korean teams triumph in men's league

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The two Korean-dominated squads in the NMIFA Men's Invitational Football League were victorious in last Sunday's games at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

SKY FC took the pitch first and crushed Independents Football Club, 15-0, while Korean

Football Association on Saipan played in the last game of the day and edged Baek Du San, 2-1. In the second match this weekend, MP United defeated Paire Football Club, 3-1.

It was goals galore for SKY FC, leaving

Independents no chance of recording its first win.

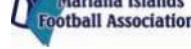
Kang Sung Ho led SKY FC's demolition of Independents after firing seven goals, three in the first and four in second half. Kang found the back of the net for the first time in the 15th minute, giving SKY FC a 3-0 lead.

Kang's five other goals came in the 28th, 43rd, 48th, 52nd, 54th, and 67th minute.

Also scor-

ing multiple goals for SKY FC were Lim Soo Hyun, Lee Ji Hyun, Choi Min Jong, and Kim Min Hyung. Lim had back-to-back goals for SKF FC in a span of five minutes, making it to the scoreboard in the fourth and ninth minute. Lee's two goals were also back-to-back, as he scored in the 12th and 13th minute. Choi's twin goals came in the 41st and 47th minute, while Kim scored in the

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SKY FC



Baek Du San, left, and a Korean Football Association on Saipan player, nudge each other as they fight for the ball during their game in the NMIFA men's league last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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Lions Club teams attend FIBA clinic

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Teams competing in the 2011 Saipan Marianas Club-Civic Center Inter-Color Friendship Basketball League attended a clinic last Sunday before the start of the playoff round of the 12-team field at the Civic Center Basketball Court.

FIBA International referee Gabriel White conducted the clinic and discuss to players, coaches, and team representatives the basic and updated FIBA rules.

According to Paul Madriaga, program director for Saipan Marianas Lions Club, they requested the clinic through the assistance of

Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands as most of the players in the league have no experience in playing in an official game.

"Through this clinic, the players will learn the do's and don'ts in the playing court and gain knowledge of updated FIBA rules. The clinic was well attended by the representatives of each team, their coaches, players, and members of the league committee," Madriaga said.

Also attending the clinic were Guam District Governor Romy Angel and Lion Fely Angel, Melen Ruiz, Rey Acierto, and players from Olivos, CGOM, Armatech, Joey,

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
FIBA International referee Gabriel White discusses FIBA rules to players competing in the 2011 Saipan Marianas Club-Civic Center Inter-Color Friendship Basketball League last Sunday at the Civic Center Basketball Court.

Blue Hauz, Armatech prevail

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Blue Hauz and Armatech notched victories as the 2011 Miller Lite Friendly Invitational Basketball League continued Sunday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

In the first game, Blue Hauz (1-1) finished with a strong second half to fend off Island Apparel Hot Shots (0-1), 67-61.

Hot Shots buried four 3-pointers in the first 10 minutes to pull ahead, 18-15. Blue Hauz's Brandon Talania scored the first nine points for his team in the first quarter.

Hot Shots' Erol Peredo matched Talania's effort in the second period to give his team a 33-29 halftime lead.

Blue Hauz made a stand after the break and managed to turn the tables on its rival, 44-41, heading into the final canto.

Blue Hauz held Hot Shots to just eight points in the period with Talania netting seven more points.

Blue Hauz pressed on in the clutch as nine more points from Talania helped set the course to victory. As time wended down, Blue Hauz's Edwin Santos nailed three free throws to keep the game out of reach.

Talania finished with a team-high 26 markers, while Peredo led all scorers with 31, including five 3-pointers.

Armatach broke out to a 23-9 lead in the opening 10 minutes of action as the back-court of Elmer Esdrelon and Bernard Montano combined for 14 points.

Armatach then amassed a 47-26 margin at the break as

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